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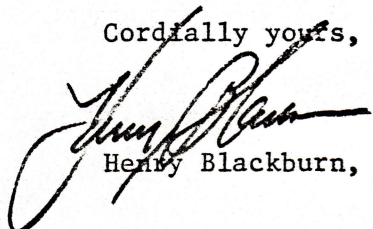
Waldon J. Walker, M.D., Director
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Dear Dr. Walker:

Many thanks for your kind comments about the Sudden Death Symposium and Supplement and for your proper criticism that some of the specialists may not have been totally informed or up to date on changes in vital statistics. Your contribution has been an important one in leading us to recognition of this phenomenon; and Jerry Stamler now recognizes it. You of course have seen Tavia Gordon's commentary questioning to some extent the reality of the decline in terms of the change in the basic process. The new information about hospitalization is very helpful.

Perhaps my only comment is that the way to communication among cardiologists is to publish editorials or papers in the cardiological literature. The same holds for epidemiologists and public health persons who may not be inclined to see notes in JAMA. At any rate many thanks, and please keep me posted on your findings.

Cordially yours,



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