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Dear Henry:

I, of course, knew that you have strong feelings about the Marmot-Winkelstein paper since you had expressed them to me after the original presentation at the Society for Epidemiological Research in 1974. However, I do not agree with you that a response should not be published. I really believe that you should make your position and that of others who may, indeed, be misconstrued, clear. I believe that many professionals, as well as the knowledgeable lay public, feel that the multiple risk factor intervention trials are paradigms of a public health approach to the prevention of coronary heart disease. I believe, also, that it is important to bring pressure to bear on both legislative and administrative bodies for the continued allocation of basic research funding. There is good evidence that the intervention trials for coronary heart disease and high blood pressure are diverting funds which otherwise might be going into further research on etiology. If the matter is important, it should be aired and the dialogue could have useful consequences.

With warm personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Warren

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