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Dear Warren:

I would be grateful for a reprint of anything you have written on familial aggregation of blood pressure since the 1966 JAMA article. I will have an opportunity to look at this matter in an isolated population in the JURA mountains, in the context of a broad social study of 300 families. There will be a rather sophisticated and well-documented consanguinity score available. Some questions of spouse aggregation in such an isolated group might interest you. Any ideas on pitfalls which occur to you would be gratefully received. Your scale transformation of BP measurements would be appreciated, as would your reasons, some of which I can surmise, for not reporting your data on diastolic pressure.

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