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Dear Zbynek:

The CDC standardization program for lipids continues to be under fire. At my suggestion last spring the Epidemiology Council of the AHA sent the enclosed letter to NIH. I am now requesting that they send this letter out again to Dr. William Foege, CDC Director, to emphasize the importance to the scientific community internationally of this service.

It would be very useful if you could, in the most official and persuasive manner possible from WHO, send a letter to Dr. Foege indicating the importance of maintaining this service to forward the research of the scientific community in the acquisition of new knowledge about diet, blood lipids, and chronic disease.

I hope your September meetings on hypertension went well. Things are moving vigorously here, and for the first time in several years I am confident in the progress of my program and the administration of the Lab. So confident in fact, that I am finally taking a mini-sabbatical that I have promised myself for years. After joining the U.S.-Japan Health Treaty in early December, I will continue for several months to Sydney, Australia to work with Stewart Truswell and put together some of my ideas about diet and exercise in early man and write a series of editorials that I have wanted to put together for a long time.

You can continue to reach me by mail and I will send you my detailed address later.

Cordially,

Henry Blackburn, M.D.
Professor and Director

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Enclosure