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TO: PARTICIPANTS AND INTERESTED INVESTIGATORS
FROM: DR. OGLESBY PAUL, CHAIRMAN OF CONFERENCE
 122 South Michigan Avenue
 Chicago, Illinois

SUBJECT: Conference on Non-Dietary Factors in
Coronary Heart Disease

 to be held: Tuesday, October 18, 1960
 At: Presbyterian - St. Luke's
 Hospital, Chicago, Illinois

 Sponsored by: American Heart Association
 Chicago Heart Association
 United States Public Health
 Service

The purpose of this memorandum is to invite your active participation in the Conference and to secure the titles of papers which are to be presented at the meeting.

By way of review, a one day conference on Non-Dietary Factors in Coronary Heart Disease will be held at the Presbyterian - St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago on Tuesday, October 18, 1960, just prior to the meetings of the Council on Arteriosclerosis and the American Heart Association (in St. Louis). This relatively small and informal meeting is to be jointly sponsored by the American Heart Association (through its Epidemiological Studies Committee), the Chicago Heart Association and the United States Public Health Service. Expenses of those contributing papers will be underwritten by funds privately obtained, with possibly some support from other sources. Others not presenting papers, but interested in attending, are welcome to come at their own expense and should communicate with Miss Marjorie Bellows at the AHA national office. Complete information as to the agenda and participants will not be available until early September.

The meeting will be limited to one day including a dinner meeting. Most of the papers will be fifteen minutes in duration. One or perhaps two half-hour papers will be included - Dr. T. R. Dawber will have a half-hour to summarize the latest findings of the United States Public Health Service Framingham project. Two and one-half hours will be available for discussion. In so far as possible, papers will be grouped according to subject matter: i.e. occupation, racial and socio-cultural factors, physical activity, endocrine factors, tobacco, hypertension, heredity, psychological factors, stress, etc. Specific correlation of one or two factors with coronary disease is preferable to a more general presentation and will give better basis for discussion. About sixteen to twenty papers can be accommodated. If too many acceptable titles are received for presentation in the time allowed, I will try to arrange for brief synopses to be presented by authors in the discussion period.

The papers to be presented should not deal primarily with methodology, which has been the major emphasis of previous conferences. The prime purpose of this conference will be to present findings in epidemiological studies of coronary disease. Pertinent comments regarding methodology may be presented in the discussion periods if time is available. It would be helpful if a brief statement (not more than two pages) of methodology employed could be prepared in advance for distribution at or prior to September 15.

In order to avoid asking each investigator to submit a manuscript prior to or at the meeting, which is onerous to many, and at times most difficult to obtain anyway, without resort to physical force, I am asking each contributor merely to submit to us at the meeting, a one or two page summary of his material.

I hope to be able to have the slides used in each presentation photographed as shown on the screen, and if the expense is not prohibitive, duplicated for later distribution to the participants with the summaries.

Deadlines for your guidance:

1. August 25, 1960, notify me
 - a) whether or not you plan to attend the conference
 - b) title of your presentation
2. September 15, 1960
Statement on methodology (if you plan to have one) to be sent to Miss Bellows.
3. October 18, 1960, at conference
A one to two page summary of presentation

I will appreciate your sending to me or to Miss Bellows any questions or suggestions that you may have regarding the conference.