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Re letter from Kromhout dated 9 July and
copy of Summary Statement from NIH

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I concur with Kromhout's opinion that efforts should be made to seek funding for the proposed study on diet, serum cholesterol, body composition and cancer. the Summary Statement of the NIH Epidemiology and Disease Control Study Section is encouraging and Kromhout's letter indicates how he would modify and explain to respond to questions and criticisms of the Study Section.

Kromhout says there are three possibilities. I would favor the first of those, namely re-submission to NIH with a revised application carefully emphasizing the revisions made in response to the Summary Statement of the Study Section.

Menotti suggested the possibility of submitting the proposal to the Medical Research Council of the European Community. I may be ill-informed about the activities of that Council but I think it most unlikely that the Council would approve and provide the money needed.

I have no information about the possibility of a grant from the Dutch Prevention Fund. My guess is that the Fund would balk at a proposal to give a lot of money for work and people outside of the Netherlands. On the other hand, a proposal to spend money in the Netherlands and/or on data from the Netherlands would seem to be more likely of approval.

I suggest that thought be given to applying to the Dutch Prevention Fund for some money earmarked for the strictly Dutch part of the proposed study and applying to NIH for the remainder and presumably larger amount of money to make up the total needed.



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