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Dear Dr. Blackburn:

After 3 years of intensive effort, we have reached the end of the major portion of the Diet and Health study. (We still have the Public Report to complete, but it is well under way with no major problems). As indicated by the responses of the media and other interested individuals, the Diet and Health report was very well received and is being recognized as the scholarly, balanced report that it is. It is a tribute to you and the other committee members that we were able to thread our way through the vast, diverse, and complex literature base on diet and health without major disagreement but with a remarkable degree of consensus on what it demonstrates. Your hard work and willingness to resolve areas of disagreement made this happen.

A highlight of this study to us has been our working relationship with you and the other members of the committee. Even though the report's conclusions and recommendations may be "interim," our fond memories of working with you on this project are more permanent. Thank you for all your hard work and good humor over the past three years. Should there ever be anything that any one of us can do for you in the future, please do not hesitate to ask.

Regards,

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