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Dear Dr Blackburn,

I regret for having not seen you before your departure from Corfou, but that evening we came back a little later than usually. I thank you very much for your courtesy and for your active interest to my work.

For what are concerned the future plans, I am glad to cooperate again in the next years in the several areas and to be involved in the use of new devices as the magnetic tape and others of which Dr Keys told me during his stay in Corfou. Under this point of view I will inform you of what happened to the tape recording machine probably sent to Frankfurt.

The Corfou follow-up was finished on tuesday 21 after having completed the examination of 565 men, that is about the 92-93% of the whole group and about the same percentage of the group aged 45-64.

The ECG record have been numbered, put in envelopes and given to George Arnaoutakis to be mailed to Minneapolis. As written on the first envelope, the circled number is the serial number of 1961.

Beginning from n°375 of the 1966 serie, you will find many tracing technically very poor and a certain number with evident use of the filter. This was due to the terrible situation of the working place in Scriperon (the second village) where the current supply was not reliable. The voltage ranged 170 to 190 with frequent wavings. For some patients I used the Cardipan instead of the Elema, thinking to something wrong in the first machine, but the effect was practically the same, with troubles in the same leads. And in spite of my insisting requests I could not obtain a transformer able to work from 180 to 220-240 or better a stabilizer.

Included here I am sending you my coding of all tracings. I found some difficulties in using the new coding rules concerning the new relationships of ST to T coding. These may be reflected in what you can find in my list. Moreover I would like to express my opinion on the necessity to exclude ~~under~~ the coding of items 2,3,4,5 also in presence of uncomplete RBBB. This might avoid some possible misunderstandings.

I will be grateful to you for receiving the definitive coding of the Crete follow-up ECGs (possibly with a reference to the coding done by Mohacek and myself) and, when ready, also that of the Corfou research.

Best regards to you and Mrs Blackburn.

Sincerely yours

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