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Dear Dr Blackburn,

thank you for your letter on May 14. I appreciated very much the comments done to my codes because they solved at least some of my many doubts.

Going through your letter I can say some more things.

- 1) I regret for having changed an important item as specification of "other cardiac event with death-cardiac cause". I did so simply because it was not so clear to me in the context of the suggested form.
- 2) I perfectly agree with you to prefer 410.9 instead of 412.9 when there is a past history of M.I.; I did the contrary because, according to the I.C.D. 8th edition, any M.I. falls into 412 code 8 weeks after its development. But for our purposes I believe that 410.9 is better and anyhow less equivocal.
- 3) Accepted the comment of the three next paragraphs.

For the morbidity problem I will think about it; but when shall the morbidity (I mean incidence) data be definitely coded?

I received from the Lab. also the "proposed outline" for the report on deaths. Even though I did not study it yet deeply I would suggest anyhow to combine, at a certain stage of the analysis, the deaths for M.I. with the sudden deaths.

Recently I have been to Zutphen to visit Dr Van Buchem. A part from what I will communicate to Dr Keys in my next report, I checked again the 5 years mortality in order to be sure about what I sent you recently. I can confirm that there were no gross mistakes except that notified you recently in another letter of mine. There are anyhow three points:

- 1) Subject N. 250 apparently died on 1962 instead of 1961, as stated on my Form 20 (the day is the same).
- 2) Subject named Stoffer had no serial number because he was in the roster but he was not examined at the first exam. You know what to do with him.
- 3) The same applies to a subject named Kuiper, born on May 7, 1907 and dead in 1965 for cerebral hemorrhage. But for this no Form 20 was filled.

In order to avoid future newer troubles with Dr Van Buchem I will give specific suggestions to Dr Keys in my report.

Best regards.

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