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Dear Dr Blackburn,

please excuse me for my long silence, but I have been very busy during last few weeks. I have now several points to explain you.

1. Recently I informed Dr Keys, met here in Rome, that the deaths coding is finished, except the actual coding of non cardiovascular diseases (just putting numbers) because I am still waiting from Geneva the 8th edition of the I.C.D. I have known from Dr Keys about your next travel to Japan; so I am almost sure that at your return you will find all the material which I will mail as soon as possible together with some comments. Dr Keys and I would be very happy to see some correlations between deaths and other items before the end of next summer hoping to discuss them during our stay in Dalmatia. Dr Keys feels that the preparation of a text for publication should not require so much time.
2. Together with Dr Keys and Dr Puddu we discussed also the problem of the Mnemotron tape-recorder. Dr Puddu has assured that he will do everything it is possible in order to get a permanent permission to move it easily from Italy. We hope to obtain it before August. So it should be available for the Yugoslavian study. On the other hand I would like to point out that the equipment as received back from Frankfurt can not work. At present it works satisfactory because it is coupled with some Italian devices designed for the purpose, but we are not sure to get the permission (from the industry which designed ~~the~~) to export such a experimental apparatus. (control box, coupler between tape-recorder and control box, oscilloscope, cables etc). For this reason I think that a meeting, possibly in Rome, together with a technician interested in the next field work will be essential within the next 2-3 months. Hans Friedrich might be the suitable person.
3. I would like to purchase another magnifying lens for the ECG measurements like that you gave me in Corfu in 1966. Can you tell me where may I find it? Thank you.

Best wishes for the Japanese field work.

Yours sincerely



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