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Dear Sven:

Thank you for your letter dated July 4th. We shall do what we can to straighten out the identifications for cholesterol values. Joe Anderson hopes to talk with you about this when he goes to Finland after the Congress in Hamburg.

It is good to learn that the printer in Tampere promises to have the Acta job done soon. If we get final printed copies in August we shall forget about previous exasperations.

Henry Blackburn is writing to you about the mortality data. All we know is that the table sent you covers all of the deaths we know about. So if there are actually 52 deaths in West Finland and 61 in East Finland, the picture will be grossly changed. The ratio of observed to expected deaths will then be 1.00 for West and 1.34 for East Finland, instead of 0.50 and 0.77 as in the table. Obviously, it is of the greatest importance to straighten out this question as quickly as possible. We await further advice because I, in turn, must advise U.S.P.H.S. and the other cooperating groups.

Shall we see you at New Delhi? Regards in any case,

Sincerely,

Ancel Keys, Director

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