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Dear Rick:

You were sorely missed in Washington. However, it was one of the dullest of all our meetings, going again over all, chapter by chapter. Our chapters are in relatively good shape compared to the others. I'm shooting for final, wrapped-up completion with references in good shape and so forth by the end of the first week in January.

I've suddenly discovered a significant omission. In our focus on coronary heart disease in the lipid Chapter 7, I see that I omitted sections on stroke and peripheral vascular disease. I don't believe they were in the outline, but clearly they have to be inserted. I am taking steps to do so.

I am assuming that your contribution to the first part of Chapter 7 is "stable" and I added it to the version that was circulated for the recent meeting. It substantially strengthened the chapter and I anticipate your subsequent rewrites to do the same. Interestingly enough, Dewitt is now talking about our having edited out too many of my introductory and transitory phrases and paragraphs. Never mind!

The failure of the committee members to ever read Chapter 5 was really apparent. Reviewers were questioning whether we had used the procedures in assessing causality that John Baillar and we and others contributed to that chapter. They have a good point, a little late.

I would encourage you to read Chapters 28 and 29, to which Baillar submitted the major fraction. I found the tone of 28 very negative and pedantic, but a slight reorientation in style would do the job. The content is good. I was most pleased to see recommendations for a population change in diet in Chapter 29 and obviously we needed to have nothing to fear from Baillar in this regard. This makes my early correspondence to you and some private correspondence to Chris a bit outdated. Though the use of this chapter "passed" through without objection, I seriously doubt that anyone had read it in depth. At any rate, it didn't affect new drafts of the recommendations!

Chris or Dewitt or somebody mentioned to me that they had received private correspondence from you concerning general directions and strategies in the committee. It would be useful to me if we could share our ideas on this by copying each other.

Because of the importance of the January meeting to the staff's preset schedule and our preparations before then, I hope you will be able to come (and bring Sue?). I am promising Chris to put together a quartet for our evening meeting, if we go to San Francisco. There's some talk of Larry Kolonel inviting us to Hawaii. I don't think I would take the time or energy to go to a meeting in Hawaii, but would like to be on the west coast for a few days to see my daughter and others.

Please send me along a disc on any other work you do on Chapter 7. I will be sending you along shortly my additions to Chapters 7, 4 and 19 on peripheral vascular disease and stroke.

Best regards,



Henry

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