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Dear Dr. Schaefer;

Thank you very much for your letter of January 26th and the reprints which awaited my return three days ago from three months stay at our home in Italy -- "Minnelea," 84060 Pioppi (SA). Incidentally, Dr. Stamler has built a villa 200 meters from ours in Pioppi and we were together from early December until mid-January.

Of course I am happy with your documentation of the Eskimo story. Perhaps you know of my reference to the Eskimo in JAMA volume 124, 1912-1919, August 1957. Alas! I have seen the nonsense about the Eskimo repeated many times during the intervening years. I mentioned the Eskimo story in my review, "Coronary Heart Disease -- The Global Picture," 1975, ATHEROSCLEROSIS 22: 149-192. Essentially the same major review was published in Italian in Volume II of Cardiologia D'Oggi (C.G. Edizione Medico Scientifiche, Torino) and an up-dated version is now in press in a new edition of Cardiologia D'Oggi.

I am interested to learn that you now have in press a monograph on the dietary habits of native populations of the Northwest Territories. It would be useful if, eventually, we could have a copy at Minnelea where Dr. Stamler, Dr. Martti J. Karvonen (who has moved from Finland to live next door) and I are assembling a working library on diet, epidemiology, etc.

I shall return to our Italian home early in May to stay until mid-summer and Dr. Stamler will be at his home there for most of June until late August.

With good wishes,

Ancel Keys

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