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Dear Rick:

This morning I tried to 'phone you but learned you are on vacation and will not be back until September 1st, the day we start back to "Minnelea." We'll be there, except for the last days of September and October 6, for the trip to Lugano and the International Symposium there, until late November.

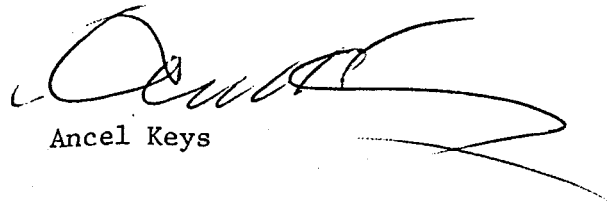
In working up the experience of the Twin Cities men enrolled in 1947 and followed to the end of 1978 I want to make some comparisons of mortality from coronary heart disease and from all causes. To my surprise I find very little in the literature on mortality and longevity. I am interested in the entry means and standard deviations for serum total cholesterol and systolic blood pressure of men classified by their status 10 and 20 years after entry.

I should think these data should be readily available for the men of the Western Electric Co. -- or at least very easily obtainable. Would it be possible to send me such material? Of course any referenceto your data would be fully acknowledged in any ms. I produce and I would send you a copy of the ms at the time it is ready to be sent to a journal, probably to the Lancet.

Or, if you wish, I would be happy to work up your data with ours, write up a preliminary draft of a ms., and send it to you with the plan of a joint publication, including your name with Henry Taylor, Henry Blackburn as well as my own.

You know you can telephone me very easily at Minnelea, dialling direct from Chicago. The "Prefisso," (area code) is 974 (within Italy it is 0974) and the number is 90 51 06. Only Margaret or I ever answer that 'phone so you need not worry about being tied up with Italian.

All good wishes,



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