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Dear Cam:

I didn't pull it off well on the Diet statement at the Central Committee and Mueller's apology made me look even more like a bad boy. On the other hand I still find it inconceivable that he should not have sought the intellectual input of the people who have made the chief contributions to the study of diet and coronary disease in the general population. Perhaps as bad is the political naivete that he should not have solicited wide support for the statement from those who will most share with you and the AHA in its defense and propagation (especially Stamler and Keys, et al).

I ask two things of you. One is that you invite somebody from our council on the Nutrition Committee (who are they now?), and second that you edit the statement carefully to see if it reads better than the last one or really offers anything new. In some sense it offers less.

My objections are more than wording; they include content, approach and style, as you see in the enclosed. I wouldn't think you would want to put yourself on the firing line armed with this statement. It is, of course, imminently salvageable, and will take a broader view, more sophistication about the problem (outside the hospital) and an editorial sense, namely - you.

Cordially,

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