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Dear Dr. Mueller:

I am forwarding suggestions made independently by myself, Jeremiah Stamler and Ancel Keys of the Council on Epidemiology for the important AHA statement on Diet and Coronary Heart Disease. I hope that you will regard my blowing the whistle in New York as having no motivation other than a concern of the Council on Epidemiology for accuracy and a real desire for a strong and effective AHA Diet Statement.

We recognize the fact that you want to move on with this and get it before the board rather than passing it interminably through all councils. However, a statement in an area so controversial and so influential in American society should have the widest support and intellectual input of the scientific councils and the AHA leadership, especially the scientists who have contributed most to the study of the role of diet in coronary disease in general populations, those most on the firing line in preventive cardiology, i.e. those who will be called on to propagate and defend the statement against certain attack.

Cordially,

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