

September 27, 1977

Mr. Chris Hitt, Staff Director
U.S. Senate Select Committee on Nutrition
and Human Needs
Office of Senator McGovern
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Mr. Hitt:

I hear vague rumblings that the National Diet Goals will be withdrawn. I am sure this can't be true. I would strongly encourage you to issue a new edition correcting the inaccuracies and the things that you would naturally like to correct after a period of time, but maintaining the basic thrust. You will have to pay particular attention to Fred Starr and his criticism of the sugar intake and Seigfreid Hayden and others.

I believe you would enjoy getting close attention and consultation from a few people in the scientific community such as Mark Hegstead and Jeremiah Stamler to cover the report and improve it, but under no circumstances should any pressure be yielded to to withdraw it. I enclose an updated copy of a manuscript which I sent you earlier, which I hope you will find useful.

Cordially,

Hentry Blackburn, M.D.
Professor and Director

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