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Dear Dr. Blackburn:

Thank you so much for your recent letter to the Vice President expressing concern about a possible distance between the Administration and the National Institutes of Health on matters of vital importance for the health of Americans. We appreciate your bringing this matter to our attention.

If Dr. Levy's gracious invitation to Vice President Mondale was handled in a manner which conveyed insensitivity to the serious hypertension problem in this country, we deeply regret creating that impression. The Vice President, who is fortunate to have the benefit of excellent medical care in controlling his high blood pressure, has no illusions concerning the seriousness of its widespread occurrence, especially among the black population.

Let me assure you that I will inform the Vice President of your comments, and that we will take steps to demonstrate our concern about the hypertension issue.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Lawrence R. Oliver
Special Assistant
for Legislation