

20 February 1968

Dr. Ancel Keys  
Hotel Reale  
Via XX Settembre  
Rome, Italy

Dear Dr. Keys:

Your telephone call asking for a definite answer as to the availability of the funds (\$5,000) you have requested to hold the training seminar in epidemiology at Makarska in September was discussed at a meeting of the ICF on February 14th. The officers noted that you need the answer soon in order to start the organization of the seminar. They have asked me to tell you that we cannot, of course, predict whether the Budget Committee will approve your request when it meets in May to review the 1968-69 budgets of the ISC and ICF. However, even if the request should not be approved by the Budget Committee, they feel that they can give the required assurance because of the following considerations:

a) Apparently you have not yet received, or not yet spent, the funds allotted to the Council on Epidemiology in the current ISC budget (1967-68) and these funds will be available for the Makarska seminar. The amount involved is about \$1,600.

b) A patient of Dr. White has contributed \$750 to the project of the Makarska meeting.

c) If the balance (about \$2,650) should not be approved by the Budget Committee, Mr. Rome Betts has given assurance that the money will be provided, either by the AHA or in some other way.

cc: Mr. Baer  
Mr. Betts  
Mr. Fillman  
Dr. Friedlich  
Dr. Paul  
Dr. Sprague  
Dr. White

Therefore you may go ahead and start organizing the seminar.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Florence Avitabile  
Administrative Officer

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Dr. Bourdillon  
Dr. Duchosal  
Dr. Lequime  
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