

December 17, 1971

Senator Walter Mondale
Administrative Office,
U.S. Courts
Washington, D.C. 20544

Attention Mr. Herbert Jasper

Dear Senator Mondale:

I am grateful for your prompt reply and information that a full NHLI budget was approved. I had assumed this earlier this week when I was invited to head the NHLI branch concerned with therapeutic evaluation. This includes new preventive trials in heart and lung diseases.

This Laboratory has played a central role in preparing the ground work for these trials and will probably be closely involved with their design and operation both locally, nationally, and internationally. I enclose for your staff a background summary of proposed trials that will now become a part of T. Cooper's program for arteriosclerosis.

Your interest in prevention and the legislation which you now have in formation concerning heart and lung disease is of great importance and interest to us here. I would personally be very grateful to be kept informed about the developments about this legislation as it pertains to research and trials in prevention.

We would also be happy to comment on any material already prepared and to serve you in any way possible.

Cordially,

Henry Blackburn

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