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Senator Hubert Humphrey
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Humphrey:

Many thanks for your notice of our new USPHS grant and responsibility. We are simply hoping that the Heart Institute funding will not suffer this fall and that the projects may proceed as planned nationally.

I am sure that you have followed with interest the priorities finally achieved for efforts at prevention of heart diseases, to match our long efforts to patch them up. Our national Mr. Fit trial is the first major effort in history to attempt to reduce the burden of coronary disease by primary prevention.

I am enjoying developing a new program here, after the recent retirement of Ancel Keys, and would indeed like to keep in touch with you on our efforts in Preventive Cardiology.

I do appreciate your note. Our last contact was at the American College of Cardiology. Our first dates back to some vigorous letters from you in the early 50's when you were helping a constituent and I, as a young USPHS officer in Austria, was somehow obstructing an immigrant visa! I have ever since been impressed with your energy and awareness.

Cordially,

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Professor and Director and
Professor of Medicine

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