



THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

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Honorable Donald M. Fraser  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Fraser:

Thank you for your letter of December 16 regarding the funding level for the National Heart and Lung Institute during the fiscal year 1972.

Please be assured that all funds appropriated by the Congress for the health programs of this Department will be obligated during their period of availability, as specified in the 1972 Appropriation Act. For the National Heart and Lung Institute, this means that the \$232 million appropriated will be obligated in fiscal year 1972.

I hope this information is helpful.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

/s/ Elliot L. Richardson

Secretary