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Dear Henry,

Thank you for your good letter dated January 28th about the ms. "Longevity and Fatness in Middle Age". Your comments on the ms. and on other matters are useful.

In the ms. I have indicated "formerly known as the CVD study" and give the numbers at risk on the first page. I refer to "body fatness and weight" as suggested. Also I am getting away from the log linear model. Now I await a computer run I cannot do on my machine; then I'll put the ms in final form and send it -- where?

Toshima requested a statement about how I propose to use the aid from the Noboru Kimura Foundation. I wrote the statement and sent it off. I enclose a copy for your office even if you think it unnecessary to read it. It occurs to me that with slight changes this could well be the basis for a request for a grant-in-aid from another source. What do you think? My main financial concern is the \$8,000 a year we pay for travel but I daresay it is hopeless to ask for help with travel costs though I must be in Europe part of the time to keep track of mortality follow-up and confer with colleagues who can come to Minnelea but not to the States.

Finally, we have our tickets and will leave for Italy on February 11th, returning April 30th. Before we leave I expect to have finished editing the Seven Country data files so I can start in earnest at Minnelea the analyses of 20- and 25-year death rates. Two tables in the material going to Toshima show how we stand in death rates now. Rose Hilk, Jeff Johnson, and Jim Huber have been most helpful in getting the data files onto diskettes so I can do analyses on my computers at Minnelea. Some analyses must be done here because of limitations of my computers.

At 6:30 am I called Martti Karvonen. All is well at Minnelea; the thermometer was reading 64 F. (1:30 pm their time).

We'll see you Wednesday night -- ready to fly Thursday!



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