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Dear Ancel:

whom
I made a possible discovery of interest last night in having out at home for dinner a Dr. Ivor Obeyesekere of Colombo, Ceylon, ~~that~~ you may have heard of or read about, a man 42 years old, one of the few doctors with any sort of training in cardiology there in Ceylon. He has written on the subjects of diet and coronary heart disease, protein malnutrition, hypertension, and the relationship of emotional factors to ischemic heart disease in Ceylon. He is more or less a general cardiologist with heavy training in England, where he spent a good many years off and on, five years at the very beginning of his training when he was a very young man, much of the time at Hammersmith.

Fred Hatch of the M.G.H., who is one of our cardiological group there doing research on the lipoproteins and other dietary problems in connection with coronary heart disease, was at dinner too and in the course of the conversation it sounded as if Hatch might some day be useful as a nutritional expert in one of your teams to go with a few others to Ceylon and see what the situation is there in Colombo and in the countryside. Dr. Obeyesekere said that he finds coronary heart disease common among the poor people who are on a fat-low diet. I am not sure about his proficiency, but it could be an interesting place to carry on an epidemiological study, I believe. This man's address is: 23/2 Guildford Crescent, Colombo 7, Ceylon.

Sincerely yours,

Paul

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