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Dear Ancel:

Of course I have read, with great delight and appreciation, the splendid book written by you and your wife. It seems to me admirable in every way, and I am very happy that it has achieved the proud distinction of being on the list of "best sellers" for some weeks. I do hope it will remain there for a good many months.

I am writing partly to express my warm congratulations and thanks for this splendid contribution, and partly for another purpose. Many months ago Doubleday invited me to write a book on heart disease for lay people. The manuscript is due in their hands not later than Septemberl. It would be impossible to write the chapter on obesity and that on nutrition as related to atherosclerosis without frequent references to your work in this general field. I wonder if you would be kind enough to give me permission to refer to your work, and also to quote short passages verbatim when necessary. Of course full credit would be given in every instance. Inasmuch as your book was published by the same firm, I think there will be no difficulty in obtaining permission of the publishers, so far as this particular volume is concerned. In the case of quotations from medical journals or magazines, permission will be sought from the publishers in every instance. I would be most grateful for your permission to draw upon your many fine contributions.

With warmest personal greetings and all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

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