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Attached is draft of interview schedule.  
You can call me at home this weekend  
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the school at (713) 791-1369 or  
(713) 792-4407.

See you in a couple of weeks.

Rick

Interview For A History of Activities and Thought  
Concerning the Epidemiology and Prevention of Ischemic Heart  
Disease (IHD): Draft of 3/10/89

Name:

Date:

Place:

Interviewer:

1. When, where, and how did you get involved in the epidemiology and prevention of IHD? What persons and circumstances influenced your initial involvement?
2. What were major areas of consensus and of controversy at that time about important questions to be answered? About research strategies for answering them? About public health policy and practices?
3. Describe the main lines of your research career in IHD epidemiology and prevention. What persons, publications, circumstances, events, etc. affected your research career, choice of research questions, choice of strategies, etc? What do you see as the major findings and contributions of your research? What are important unanswered questions?
4. How did your thinking about etiology and prevention of ischemic heart disease evolve? What persons, publications, circumstances, events, etc. were influential in this process?

5. Describe the main lines of your career with respect to public health policy and practice. What decisions did you participate in shaping and in what way? Who were the other participants? What factors influenced these decisions?
6. What do you see as important mistakes or limitations in your career? What would you do differently if given the opportunity?
7. How has the climate for research in IHD epidemiology and prevention changed since you first became involved in it? What factors have been responsible for these changes?
8. What lessons does the history of IHD epidemiology and prevention have for epidemiology and public health generally, e.g., with respect to strengths and limitations of various research strategies and methods of procedure, of organizing and funding projects, of formulating policy, etc?
9. What other events, persons, discoveries, milestones, turning points, etc. should be mentioned in a history of IHD epidemiology and prevention?
10. What are your favorite anecdotes about yourself or others in IHD epidemiology and prevention?
11. Please attach a current CV and complete list of publications.