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Dear Henry:

I have just read your revised version of the letter to the American Journal of Cardiology. I think it is many times more effective than the longer more detailed version which I saw earlier. I certainly am glad to see from the covering letter that others also felt the first version was an example of "overkill". I certainly didn't want to be the only one to have made this suggestion.

Thanks again for coming to Baltimore, I enjoyed your talk very much.

Sincerely yours,

Richard S. Ross

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Dear Henry:

We just read with great interest your letter to the Editor of the American Journal of Cardiology, in response to the editorial by Drs. Corday. Congratulations! It is a fine letter and says things that really need to be said and does it very well. We hope they print it in full!

Best personal wishes.

Rose and Jerry Stamler

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December 9, 1974

Eliot Corday, M.D.
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Dear Eliot:-

I am pleased to have received a preprint of your powerful editorial on coronary disease prevention. I think it is the most distinguished statement representing this growing view. Because of this, and its source, I am delighted to comment on a number of matters and will enjoy also taking issue with you on some of them.

It seems that in the symposium in your honor in New York this week I come on the program just after you. I hope it will be appropriate for me to enjoin these controversies at that time, if you consider them publicly in your presentation. I envy you the apparent partnership with your progeny. It must be a great satisfaction to you.

Enclosed is my running commentary on your remarks.

Cordially,

Henry Blackburn, M.D.

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March 19, 1976

PERSONAL

Dr. Eliot Corday
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Dear Dr. Corday:

Well, I guess the whole thing was unnecessary, but the A.J.C. has finally published our petulant polemic. Presumably no great harm was done; the preventive trials will go on (up or down) and there is a re-expansion of available research funds this year. No doubt you helped this along with testimony. From my present vantage point on the Advisory Committee for the Cardiology Branch, there is still not enough fundamental research, and surely too much technological gimickry toward life support of "end-stage" vascular disease.

At any rate, now that our public debate is finished I would like very much to go back to where I thought we were when we started, i.e., when you were kind enough to send me your editorial, inviting editorial remarks, well before publication. I had thought your gesture was a sincere one, and so wrote you a 4-5 page detailed commentary. In the normal course of events I had come to expect, this should have resulted in a friendly scientific exchange in which you would perhaps modify a few statements and reply to me your arguments for not modifying others. This is the sort of communication I had grown to cherish in my three years as Howard Burchell's associate editor. Not only did you not change a single word of the editorial but apparently felt no need to reply to my considerable editorial efforts. In consequence, you may now understand better my reaction and reply to your editorial. I guess communication is the essence in human relations. I felt that I'd been had. Your rather unkind rebuttal in the A.J.C. confirms my feeling, with such clearly improper assumptions as "Blackburn [not even Dr. Blackburn] wants us to conceal our doubts", and "Blackburn seems to insist we must continue to place most of our research eggs in one basket"! Incidentally, I liked some of your research ideas in your testimony, but they were not effectively outlined in your editorial.

Anyway, let's all hope that progress will be made -- on all investigative fronts -- despite such silly polemics.

Cordially,

Henry Blackburn, M.D.

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Dear Dr. Blackburn:

Re: Ms. 4441-B and 4441-A - Letter to the Editor
Title: PREVENTION OF HEART DISEASE BY CONTROL OF
RISK FACTORS

For your information we are enclosing a copy of the reply from Dr. Corday to your recent letter. Both letters will be published in an early issue of the Journal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Simon Dack".

Simon Dack, MD
Editor-in-Chief

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Enc: Copy of letter from Eliot Corday, MD

cc : Eliot Corday, MD