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Dear Geoffrey,

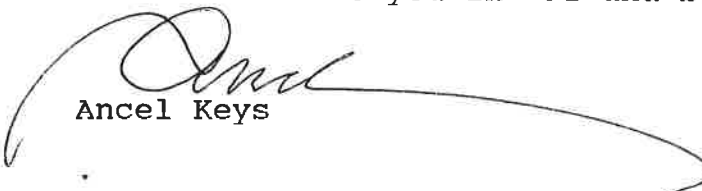
I write to your old London address because I have lost your new home address and surely the School will get this to you.

It is good news that you have got the word processor bug; now I hope you will be writing to me more often. I use the word processor because I can no longer write by hand and the monitor is easier for my bad eyesight.

I understand that your Dallas lecture, together with Henry Blacburn's introduction, is being published in Circulation. I would appreciate a reprint sent to me at Minnelea where we expect to be in a few weeks. The address there is: Minnelea 84060 Pioppi (SA).

Someday I hope to convince you that longevity is not related to body mass index or skinfold thickness in middle age. I now have analyzed all the data from 2 American cohorts, 2 in Italy, 2 in Greece, 2 in Finland. None show a positive relationship, several show a negative relationship. I find no contradiction in the literature. Smoking and blood pressure are the villains. I take living to age 75 or 80 to be the sign of longevity so at age 87, to be 88 in January, I can talk about it.

All the best to you in '92 and beyond.



Ancel Keys