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Dear Prof Keys,

we have right now received copy of your letter to Daan Kromhout with the enclosure. It is a pity that once again we incur in such misunderstandings about common work and interests.

Our recollection of the story concerning the paper produced in Bilthoven on weight and weight changes, goes back to last fall, when a ms was first circulated following the agreed procedure for analysis and Authorship. We discussed also with you about the issue and you stated that you did not want to be involved in that paper. It should be also said that it does not incorporate the whole Seven Countries data but only the European cohorts. The senior Authors and Daan Kromhout have asked and obtained the consent from the original Seven Countries P.I.s to use those data for analysis and publication. As sometime one of us (AM) did in the past in Rome, Daan Kromhout occasionally involves into analysis and Authorship some capable collaborators for specific purposes.

Following that event and other similar ones, we all agreed that whoever want to produce analysis informs the senior investigators but these are free to become Authors or to withdraw from the offer.

Again, as a consequence of your insistence on the need to keep all investigators properly informed, last May one of us (AM) went purposely to Bilthoven to visit Daan Kromhout, and together we prepared the Report recently distributed which describes all what is going on at the moment.

We hope that you will refrain from any precipitous action with the Editor of the Journal of Obesity, since we believe that the procedure adopted in that occasion was the proper one. We hope to find the way to get clearance of the paper.

Nobody denies your authority and precedence in the use of the whole data. On the other hand all of us have worked hard and we feel that data belong to all who

have spent large part of their life in collecting, organizing , analyzing and publishing them.

We are ready to discuss with you about the whole matter hoping to find a permanent solution.

All the bests. Yours sincerely

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