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Dear Henry,

Thank you for your letter of 1 February. I was glad to hear that you have accepted our invitation to come to Kuopio in June to receive the degree of Honorary Doctor at our young university. With this honouring gesture your friends in Finland want to show their gratitude to you for all what you have done for us and been for us. We will do our best to make your brief visit to Kuopio enjoyable.

It would be extremely helpful for me to know as soon as possible, on which days you will be in Kuopio, and will you be accompanied with anyone from your family. I could then think various small addendums to your social programme here.

The Rector of our University has sent to you a letter giving more information about practical arrangements and also mentioned that we would like you to give a lecture on some topic of general interest within your field of research. The lecture should be about 25-30 minutes and it would be important to get a brief summary of your talk (3-4 pages) a few weeks before the occasion itself to be able to translate it to Finnish for the press. The audience will be not only medical people, but also people from other academic fields. If I may propose, I feel that your personal views about "Population strategy in the prevention of coronary heart disease" would be of particular interest to all of us. Please let me know what will be the topic you choose.

I noticed with enthusiasm that you are exploring possibilities for a jazz session in connection with the Moscow Congress. What about possibilities of arranging a session in Kuopio? If you would be willing to play with the Finnish musicians, I will start explorations here.

I am not sure, whether or not anyone has told you that Minnesota is the friendship town in the U.S.A. for Kuopio. Thus your visit to our town celebrating its 200th anniversary will help to create more contacts between our two towns.

With all the best regards,
Yours,

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Dear Henry,

Thank you for your letter of March 15. It took some time before I was able to answer to you. I have been travelling to different meetings and, on the other hand, some local arrangements related to the celebrations in June were not completely clear earlier.

I got a copy of your letter of March 12 to Rector Osmo Hänninen informing about the title of your lecture. The topic is just what we would expect. As you may already have heard your lecture is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 3 June at 13.15.

As to my plans to arrange a New Orleans style jazz session, there is an octett in Kuopio playing traditional jazz of that type, consisting of local musicians and music teachers. The instruments in their established composition usually includes clarinet, tenor saxophone, cornett, trombone, banjo, piano, drums and double bass. Your soprano saxophone would evidently fit well with this combination. We have made preliminary arrangements with them to have a session with you in the evening of Thursday, 3 June. There will be an informal gathering for young doctors getting their M.D. degree from the University of Kuopio and honorary doctors and, if it is suitable for you, we would like to ask you to play jazz with the octett in the evening. The local musicians are very much looking forward to meeting with you and I am sure that the music will be as good as ever, when you are playing.

You mentioned that you would be coming to Kuopio on Wednesday, 2 June and that you have to be back to Boston on the evening of June 6. Could you please inform me about your travel schedule as soon as possible, particularly your times of arrival and departure. We will try to make your brief visit to Kuopio as relaxing as possible.

With all the best wishes,

Yours,

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P.S. Any progress with jazz in Moscow? If not, it might be worth while to write to Dr. Raphael Oganov, the new Chief of the Department of Preventive Cardiology who will be our host at "family dinner". His address appears in the copies of letters which I enclosure.

K.P.