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Dear Henry:

I'm gratified by your praise for my book. You will of course receive several copies as soon as it is off the press, which supposedly will be some time between February and April.

The first order of business is for you to make sure that you have no objections to the shortened version of your quote; we had to edit it to save space. I simply condensed it, but nonetheless, want to give you the opportunity to see the new version. If for any reason you don't like it, do let me know--by December 22 if at all possible, as that is my deadline for the jacket quotes.

Fortunately, your letter arrived just as I was doing the final proof-reading, and I was able to incorporate some, but regrettably not all, of your fine suggestions. I did change the end of the book to imply that the war has only begun. I added a sentence about protein quality in the egg vs. pea comparison. I hadn't known that your group was behind the North Karelia study, and I wasn't able to fit in the credit at this late point. I will be sure to give credit where credit is due in the future. Mike also added some comments in his preface about the election bringing new clouds on the horizon.

I promise that I will never call you a cardiologist again. I changed the description for both you and Dr. Stamler to "heart researchers," but I may have had a space problem in one or two spots that forced me to use the briefer term "heart expert." I hope you will accept the compliment.

Best,

Pat

Patricia Hausman, M.S.
Staff Nutritionist

P.S. Please tell Dr. Stamler that I very much regret not having a chance to hear his comments on the manuscript. I had called his office to ask him if he had time to read it, only to find him gone until January 15. If I had sent the manuscript to Italy, he would have received it past my deadline for final changes.

P.P.S. Mike would like me to review the caffeine/heart disease literature. If you have anything on the subject, I'd be grateful for a reprint.

Encl.

Return of it

Patricia Hausman has thoughtfully developed and portrayed the "science and politics" of fat in an original fashion. Nothing like it exists in any literature. The book not only contains good scientific and political analysis, but also profound insights on how scientific decisions and public health recommendations are made. It also brilliantly exposes the rich meat, dairy, and egg lobbies.

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*Pleased
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