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Dear Darwin:

Many thanks for seeing the magnificent 5-year report on the seminar. You've done a masterful job.

With respect to my participation this year, things are extremely unstable with John. He was reoperated three weeks ago, and has had a severe multiple system disease as a result from too rapid withdrawal from steroids. He may also start (sickening) chemotherapy in a few weeks. I very much need to get away for a week to the Bohemian Grove and a week in Tahoe, and am planning on it. But I'm not in control of it.

The response to my last presentation on physical activity was only a 1+. I can see that I must do more than prepare the evening before for this. Consequently I will be giving more thought to it in the next month and have put a series of slides together to review the epidemiology, physiology and anthropology of the subject in a more traditional manner.

The Barrett-Connor, MacSmith, Blackburn presentation on applications has also not been received with the highest enthusiasm. I am sure we must have more discussions there. Perhaps excerpts from the enclosed might be useful, or I could deal solely with the question of demonstrations in the community models of prevention. If Farquhar is coming he can do it with greater depth.

Please let me know if you have any other ideas. Phil Archer indicates that he probably won't be able to make it to Tahoe, which is too bad; he's a delightful person.

Best regards,

Henry

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Dear Mario:

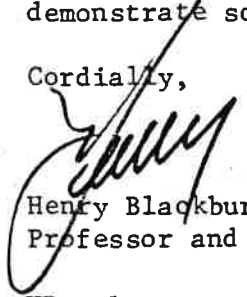
It was good to get your letter indicating the remarkable progress in organization of the meeting for next June. Also your personal note of condolence is much appreciated. We have just had a good vacation and are moving back toward life actively but are suffering terribly from our loss.

In respect to the program, I find your plan superb. I hope you will forgive my having just a little bit of trouble with my assignment-- though nothing major, I would think that we ought to have Ancel deal with the classical risk factors rather than myself. I would feel more challenged as well as comfortable in dealing with syntheses, state of the art, public health views, etc. than going over risk factors. Also, due to the distance I have (as all Ancel's 7 Country collaborators) from the data, I wouldn't want to address those data. It's all Ancel's baby plus a bit given to Alessandro. I would prefer a more general consideration of "Diet as a Risk Factor: An Epidemiological and Public Health View," rather than dealing with "the classical risk factors."

Also on the last day I think it would be useful if I summarized the North American experience and process in large scale demonstration projects, not well known yet outside of North America. There are four active, funded models: Stanford, Minnesota (ours), Pennsylvania and Rhode Island. I believe Pekka Puska will have enough to do to talk about his own Finnish project and I would much like to represent the significant new movement in community prevention demonstrations in this country. I could talk about "Community Prevention Demonstrations and Research. Concepts, Design and Operation."

I am sending you under separate cover an abstract of our community project which got under way this year and will be a huge nine-year, \$25,000,000 project. It is terribly ambitious but we are hopeful to learn much and demonstrate something.

Cordially,



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