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Dear Milt:

Congratulations on your editorial on the cost and benefits of prevention. It should reduce some loose talk. On the other hand, it would be great to see models sufficiently broad to embrace long-term effects on the leading causes of illness and death. I would also like to see a focused editorial on the output of the Harvard Center which uses such limited economic models of prevention as to be highly misleading.

I am a little uncomfortable that you invoke the "increased use of poly-unsaturated fats" as a part of the cause of decline in ischemic heart disease. It is never healthy to attribute changes to one food group or nutrient, but that, of course, is the editorial you have requested of me.

Our recent surveys in outstate Minnesota indicate that hypertension control figures are quite comparable with urban figures, which in turn are comparable to the Chicago data. Thus, we are directing more of our energies in the Minnesota Community Prevention Program (a large demonstration project) to the primary prevention of hypertension, rather than its control.

The Journal is just great!

Cordially,

Henry Blackburn, M.D.
Professor and Director

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Dear Milt:

I would like to give you more details and scholarly comment on the Journal of Public Health policy. All I can say is that I find its format pleasant and appealing, many of its articles outstanding, and the balance appropriate of history, reviews, investigations, and editorials. Though I personally like the paper and the uniqueness of the cover and size, I suppose you ought to seek opinions from others, including librarians, on whether it should seek a more standard size and format.

We have just completed the first annual Gaylord Anderson Memorial Award and Lecture which the School Committee gave to Les Breslow because of his articulate spokespersonship of Public Health and his Minnesota background. It was a pleasant occasion and Les brought credit to himself and the School. I personally need to talk to you about the future of Epidemiology at Minnesota, including the summer course and other items. As you may know, the external review committee of our Graduate School Program, and now the Dean, have recommended that after Len Schuman's retirement the co-existence of our two programs be resolved by their merger, with me in charge. I look forward to our becoming a more "balanced" academic program and would seek your counsel on a number of issues including how to involve Len and give him satisfactions (as I have been able to do more or less satisfactorily with the other former chief, Ancel Keys). I would be most anxious to see the summer course tradition continue, with Mandel and staff doing the arrangements and Len and I participating.

Cordially,

Henry Blackburn, M.D.
Professor and Director

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Dear Henry:

You have no idea what a morale-booster your letter was!

I'll look forward to your editorial or article. Wouldn't you like to do one on the NSF caper?

Attached is the renewal form. We really need your subscription!

With warm regards,

Sincerely,
Milt

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