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Dear Rick:

There was a debate last Saturday between Howard Eder and Bob Olson in New York covered by Jane Brody. I don't know any details except one comment that Olson made that you "misused" the Keys formula which is based on "change." Clearly, he is uninformed that the formula can be used to characterize an individual or population diet at one point in time. I think to reduce the chance that he will keep on discrediting your landmark report with this uninformed comment, you had better send him a little paragraph explaining how you computed the Keys formula, and refer him to the extensive literature that he has missed on this particular issue.

Cordially,

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Professor and Director

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