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November 6, 1981

Dean Lee Stauffer
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Dear Dean Stauffer:

The enclosed series of letters are brief summaries on the qualifications as I see them, of members of the Laboratory of Physiological Hygiene faculty for joint appointments in Epidemiology and for Graduate School appointments in Epidemiology. In each case there is either formal training and experience combined, or long-term experience and demonstrated contribution to the field of Epidemiology. Let me know if more details are required, including actual publications. I'm delighted this is moving ahead.

Cordially,

Henry Blackburn, M.D.
Professor and Director

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RE: Dr. Richard Gillum

Dear Dean Stauffer:

This letter is in support and documentation of a joint appointment in Epidemiology and in the Graduate Faculty in Epidemiology for Richard Frank Gillum, Associate Professor in this Laboratory. Dr. Gillum, as shown in his CV, has a Master's degree in Epidemiology from Harvard University, and has been awarded an NIH research career development award in cardiovascular epidemiology during the first five years of his work in this Laboratory.

As will be seen from his publications, he is an extremely productive investigator with a major theme of descriptive epidemiology in the cardiovascular area, with observational and experimental studies in hypertension. He has a particular interest in hypertension in Native American and Black populations and is making fundamental contributions to our understanding of high blood pressure and coronary heart disease, using epidemiological methods.

His contributions have been recognized by appointment as Fellow of the Council of Epidemiology, American Heart Association, and activities in the AHA Council of High Blood Pressure Research and the Society for Epidemiological Research. He is chairman of this School of Public Health's Research Committee and is active in committee work and ad hoc study sections for NIH involving epidemiology and disease control. He is consultant to the Stanford Heart Disease Prevention Program as well as the Pawtucket program, both NIH Research and Demonstration projects in chronic disease epidemiology and prevention.

He is Principal Investigator of the Minneapolis Indian Blood Pressure Program, Principal Investigator of Community Control of Hypertension in Young Blacks, Co-principal Investigator and Project Officer of the large Minnesota Community Surveillance for Cardiovascular Disease, an NIH Grant which involves a "new epidemiology" of simultaneous surveillance of disease morbidity, risk factors and the health behavior affecting those risk factors, and their trends over time in the Twin City metropolitan area of Minnesota.

He is Project Director for the NIH funded descriptive epidemiological study of Hypertension in Childhood, and for a study on effects of non-pharmacologic preventive approaches to high blood pressure. He is principal investigator on a study of long-term trends of cardiovascular risk characteristics in young men.

His teaching experience involves extensive advising to post-doctoral research fellows in this Laboratory, the supervision of a Master's candidate in the School of Public Health, participation in the Chronic Disease Epidemiology course for the Program in Epidemiology and this Laboratory's course on Public Health Aspects of Cardiovascular Diseases. He is extensively involved with medical students and continuing medical education.

With respect to research training skills, Dr. Gillum is recommended without qualification for full appointment to the Graduate Faculty in Epidemiology and a joint appointment in the Program on Epidemiology.

Sincerely,

Henry Blackburn, M.D.
Professor and Director

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Dean Lee Stauffer
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Dear Lee:

I am suggesting that you might find it worthwhile to contact the following people, not as candidates for VP, but as very knowledgeable people with our aims in mind to have a person with a broad view. I am very much hoping that you in administration will not let the economic exigencies result in an on-campus appointment just to save money. I think Health Sciences needs some broad leadership and it might be very helpful to get somebody from the outside. I would think that Phil Lee in San Francisco; Ted Cooper, now with industry, formerly Assistant Secretary of Health; and Bob Levy, now with Tufts University, formerly Director of the Heart Institute, might have good ideas for your Search Committee.

Despite everybody's current trials and tribulations, I feel optimistic about the Lab getting on top of some of its administrative problems despite the resignation of Norm Briggs. I think I have people working together rather well now and with help from ORA, and hopefully an outside consultant, we will have things on track by the end of the year.

I will keep you informed on progress by copying you on certain memos to my faculty. I am looking forward to seeing you on December 14th.

Many thanks.

Cordially,

Henry Blackburn, M.D.
Professor and Director

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*p.s. This is a corrected version
of a note dictated but
not read & sent last week, 2 Dec.
Thank.*