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Dear Friend:

I have finally been able to sit down with my behavioral staff to see how much help I could get in updating the chapter on preventing reinfarction. After thorough consideration, it is clear to me that we cannot divert the energies necessary to do a good job of this from our huge and pressing tasks. We must prepare our health education plans, materials, strategies and community contacts for the opening of the research and demonstration project in Minnesota communities in summer. What needs to be done for the chapter is very much in line with materials that we are developing for professional education in that program, a community and research and demonstration program funded by NIH for the next five years. It is simply that we are all absolutely swamped and no one is willing or able to divert their efforts now.

As division head, as well as principal investigator of this and other projects, I simply cannot take on a new undertaking without help. The help is not forthcoming.

I still think there are useful elements in the chapter as written to which I did apply a great deal of energy. I think the systematic approach to practice is sound but needs to be enlarged in regard to behavioral principles. I think it would be a relatively simple job for someone to update the recommended reading materials. I believe that the risk prediction in the first part of the chapter should be completely redone, surely by someone else and perhaps even in a chapter separate from the practice and behavioral principles.

I am terribly disappointed to indicate to you that there is no way that I can give this the required amount of attention to accomplish your publication needs.

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I hope that you will be able to challenge others to rise to the occasion.
With best wishes and sincere regrets.

Cordially,

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P.S. I have no comments on the American Heart manuscript which is fine. I am
impressed with the thorough-going review the critics gave it.

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Dear Henry:

Herman and I share your disappointment that you cannot be involved in the second edition of Rehabilitation of the Coronary Patient. We thought your chapter in the first edition was one of the highlights of the book.

Nevertheless, we do understand your major time and effort commitments as outlined - as well as, quite obviously, a number of additional commitments for the multiple activities in which you are involved. We will miss your participation and your counsel; and will certainly reference the prior material which was so favorably reviewed in the first edition.

Should any of the materials you are developing for the NIH program be available for the nonresearch medical community, we would very much appreciate your letting us know of them so that we may cite them as reference sources in the Appendix to the chapter.

Best personal regards. Will let you know as soon as I hear from Circulation about our AHA Survey manuscript.

Sincerely,

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