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Dear Ruth:

I am sorry the enclosed is six months late. But it is finally complete!
I guess your Minnesotans are the most delinquent!

I have had a good time preparing this, believing that there is no place
in the available medical literature where the evidence about salt
has been extensively assembled. I hope you are agreeable to the
sections on the anthropology and sociology as presented in Rome, above
my specific assignment on the epidemiology. Based on Dr. Dustan's
contribution, and what we might anticipate from Dr. Tobian, there
will be some overlap. However, because of their respective expertise
in the laboratory and the clinic and because of my assignment to the
epidemiology and population-based evidence, I believe I did what I
was supposed to do. My incursions into the experimental area are
extremely brief.

If you have any problem with this as a whole piece, I will discuss
it with Tony Gotto and consider its publication elsewhere. But I
don't believe the epidemiology stands on its own. I would like to
take this opportunity to get the anthropology, sociology, and epidemi-
ology together in one place. I hope you and the editors share this
desire.

Cordially,

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Professor and Director

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enclosure

pc: A. Gotto

bpc: Rome manuscript to L. Tobian