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Dr. Ancel Keys, Director
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Dear Ancel:

I am enclosing the form on the Council on Epidemiology and Prevention.

I am certain you will be interested in learning that the hearing of the Georgians (USSR) 40-59 years of age, is better than the hearing of the same age group in Moscow. A few of the very old people (100 years and over) have remarkably good hearing for their age. I am now awaiting the epidemiological data from Professor Kipshidze and I will get in touch with you when it arrives.

I have recently been communicating with Professor Turpeinen in Helsinki. It is two years now since the dietary role of the two mental hospitals has been reversed and we hope to go back to do hearing tests on the subjects we tested nearly three years ago.

In January and February of this year we tested the hearing of 1,000 Bahamian children in Nassau and we will return there in about two weeks to begin testing the hearing of their parents. As you know, the Bahamians have a high incidence of hypertension and relatively little coronary heart disease. This will be the first time that we have done hearing tests on such a population.

Thus far our data in general seems to indicate that the hearing loss is greater in populations which have a greater incidence of coronary heart disease. The children 10-19

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seem to reflect the same situation.

I would like to show you all of our data. It would be fine if you could come to New York. If not, I will come to you.

Kindest regards and best wishes for the holidays to you, your wife and Henry Taylor and Henry Blackburn.

Sincerely yours,



Samuel Rosen, M.D.

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