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Dear Trevor:

Thank you for your 4th September letter. I've been on 7 month administrative leave and only recently returned. The marvelous Hypertension Prevention Trial successfully completed its pilot phase but unsuccessfully competed for moving into a definitive phase. It has been largely replaced with a new Treatment of Mild Hypertension Trial, which involves hygienic strategies as well as new and minimal drug strategies. Our ambition to prevent hypertension in the first place by hygiene will not be realized under the excellent design Ron Prineas and colleagues developed.

However, Ron is national head of the Treatment of Mild Hypertension Trial and I'm sure would be happy to continue correspondence with you on these issues. He has recently accepted a position as the Director of the Division of Epidemiology at the University of Miami School of Medicine, but he will be at this address until mid-June, 1988.

It was good to hear from you. Thank you very much for your helpful articles on community control of hypertension. Here would make a very strong case for the community strategy, both in terms of mechanisms and the epidemiology.

Cordially,

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Professor and Director

p.s. I'm sure Ron Prineas could give you details of why HPT didn't get off the ground.

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