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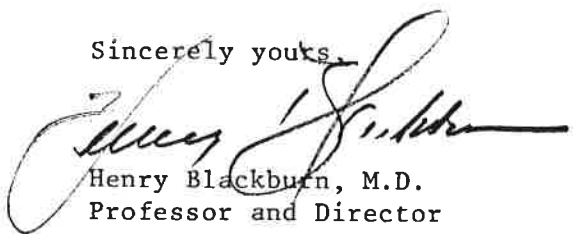
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Dear Ms. Lasker:

This letter is in enthusiastic support of the idea that the NHLBI Lipid Research Center's Coronary Primary Prevention Trial should be considered for the Lasker Award. This trial, so effectively carried out by investigators around the country and under NHLBI leadership, has done more than any other single study to influence the course of medical practice and public policy on cardiovascular disease in this country. It provided the final evidence which established congruence between clinical, laboratory and population observations on the effect of serum cholesterol lowering. Its interpretation and appropriate extrapolation to public health policy is based on the consistency of LRC-CPPT experimental findings with observational findings in populations studied over the years. Because it tested the basic cholesterol-lowering hypothesis, as well as the lowering effect in high risk, middle-aged people, it properly has implications for medical treatment and for public health recommendations.

For its excellent design, implementation and interpretation, for the centrality of its influence on public policy and practice, and for the uniqueness of its impact in the long series of researches on causes and prevention of atherosclerosis, I believe the Coronary Primary Prevention Trial deserves consideration by the Lasker Foundation.

Sincerely yours,


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