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Dear Elaine:

I'm very grateful to you for your help on plans for the 1987 Conference on the Future of Community Researches. We have become so busy and preoccupied in the program that all of us are now feeling ambivalent about putting in the year of energy necessary to make this the conference we anticipate.

Recently we have decided the following, about which I want to keep you informed:

- 1) We will postpone the conference until spring of 1988, date to be set soon.
- 2) HB will proceed with the application for NIH funding.
- 3) We will reduce the conference scope and attendance, continue the international approach, but reduce numbers to those with whom we would like most to share such a review of the status and projections for the future. The meeting will not be "representative" of community-based research-prevention programs.
- 4) Individual papers and monographs will not be prepared, but a workshop report will be, for circulation to interested parties, and as an editorial jointly prepared for a major journal.

We feel much more comfortable about this new plan, both in terms of the scope, the intellectual activity it will stimulate, its size, the lesser energy needed for its preparation and cost. As we see it now, we would have a maximum of 20 people outside our group, with costs not to exceed \$30-35,000, and with scaled-down objectives for discussion, preparation, and publication.

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As soon as the new date is set, we will announce it tentatively to colleagues, apply for funding, and make a firm commitment when the funding is received.

Cordially,

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