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Mr. Ernest Klepetar
Mutual Service Insurance Companies
1923 University Avenue
St. Paul 4, Minnesota

Dear Ernest:

This will confirm the conversations that you have had with Dr. Ancel Keys and myself in regard to the field work in Finland and your participation in the Third World International Cardiological Congress to be held September 14 to 21 at Brussels, Belgium.

Dr. Keys and I feel that you should be present at the Congress to participate in the discussion of the actuarial and statistical aspects of the papers that will be presented by Dr. Keys, Dr. Brozek and myself. Furthermore, we feel that your value as actuarial consultant to this Laboratory will be increased by the informal conversations with the actuaries and epidemiologists who are working in the field of the epidemiology of coronary disease and will be present at the Congress.

In addition it is agreed that you will meet Dr. Keys in Finland on September 4th to organize a mortality and morbidity study of cardiovascular disease which will parallel the field work done by Dr. Ancel Keys. We would appreciate it if you would preceed to get in touch with the officials of the Finnish government pension institute so that they may be prepared for your arrival.

The staff of this Laboratory regards your participation in the continuing actuarial studies of coronary disease as an indispensible part of our program.

You should request Mr. Felix Rondeau to make available your time in accordance with the understanding that Dr. Keys and Mr. Rondeau worked out two years ago with regard to your participation in the program of this Laboratory.

Sincerely yours,

Henry L. Taylor
Professor

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cc: Dr. Ancel Keys