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Dear Russell:

Thanks very much for giving me an opportunity to participate with you and your MHHP colleagues on Thursday. I thoroughly enjoyed the discussions and interchange. It is perplexing, a bit discouraging, but certainly challenging when we look at the risk factor changes in both our studies.

Obviously, you will get far more important guidance as you complete the analyses of the recent survey work. Many options exist. I think it is inappropriately negative to close up shop. Surveillance alone is a viable option. Surveillance alone with supplementation for additional surveys, if the data warrant, is an even more attractive option. I think, however, that an honest appraisal coupled with a request for one additional large survey, surveillance and a modest analytic capability is going to prove the most feasible and attractive to review teams. They will look, I am sure, at the investment already made and incorporate that into their judgements about future expenditures.

I think the discussions through the day clarified the issue, but it seems to me that any future survey should be cross-sectional only rather than continuation of the Cohort after a substantial increment in intervening years. Trying to add further process evaluation will, I think, only weaken an application. In effect, I would encourage focus on the distal outcomes -- risk factors and disease events.

Again, thanks for letting me participate.

If Nancy Ernst does not give you a call, why don't you give her a buzz to talk about the editorial comments that Janet Bungay has made with reference to the epidemiology section of the NCEP report. Scott Grundy is

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doing similar work with the animal and metabolic ward studies. At a later time, we will get feedback on pages 120 and beyond. We will also be bouncing this latest version off the USDA once again, that we are at least on compatible wave lengths still.

I will see you on the 18th. Until then, be well and be happy.

Cordially yours,



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