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Dear Henry,

Please accept my apologies for responding only now to your letter of November 23, asking for a contribution to the LESTER BRESLOW SCHOLAR AWARD. With my one-man show, I was under much pressure of time, even though I worked as much as I could over the holidays. You write that it is unnecessary to list all of Lester's accomplishments. Similarly, it is unnecessary for me to say how profoundly pleased I am that this outstanding man should be honored in this most appropriate way. Lester is surely one of the few truly towering figures in the creation of chronic disease epidemiology, apart from his sterling qualities as a human being. When I receive such requests which happens not infrequently, they make me sad because I can't contribute as much as I would like. As you may not know, I received a full salary (if one can speak of "full") only during my first year in Zürich. Since 1974, until I reached the age of 65, my only earned income was half the salary of an Oberarzt. Since 1981, I work without any compensation. Needless to say, I could not have done it and do it without some independent means which are, however, quite limited and, most of all, Doris' providing roof, nourishment and much else.

As I re-read the letter just now, I note that it was signed by Dr. Kane rather than yourself. Nevertheless, I will send the letter to you all the same, if I may, because I would like you to know why the enclosed check is not higher. Please understand...

Cordially, as ever,

Fred

Prof. Dr. F. H. Epstein

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