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Dear Henry,

one month ago in Washington prof. Keys gave me his latest manuscript on "Longevity and body fatness in middle age" which has been prepared using the CVD material. He requested me some comments and at the same time he proposed to prepare a similar analysis and paper using part of the Seven Countries material.

It is sad to say that the present paper is rather confused and full of problems from both the analysis and the writing point of view.

I wrote back to prof. Keys saying that I have much appreciated his effort but I did not dare to comment in detail since it would be painful, too complex, and may be useless.

The real problem is that any major journal may rise a lot of objections on this paper. On the other hand I hope that you, being on the spot and having more confidentiality, could do something to prevent him from receiving a great disappointment.

In the meanwhile I proceed here with the completion of the coding and loading of the 25 year mortality data of all the Seven Countries cohorts, with good hopes to close down, once for ever, by early 1990. This dead-line will be honoured without difficulties but much depends on the availability of the final US Railroad data which are still lacking. I appreciate very much what you are now doing through Rosemarie Hilk to help this part of the program.

In a phone call of a few days ago I heard good news from her.

All the best. Yours sincerely

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