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Dear Bill:

You may recall that I wrote you in the spring of my regrets about not receiving in time, over here, your request for proposals on Controlled Clinical Trials of Therapy for Hypertension in the General Population. Several other facts entered into our Minnesota failure to respond to the issue including Dr. Taylor's total involvement at the time in an essential matter for the school, the Atherosclerosis Center proposal for Minnesota, plus Dr. Keys and my involvement in Europe, and our inability to consult together on the question.

Since then, however, we have consulted and believe that a solid proposal could be forthcoming from Minnesota if the national phase of your program is to come about. The experience of this laboratory in sampling and recruiting from industrial and general populations in this region is well known to you, as is the staff competence in design and analysis of such studies. The laboratory facilities for examinations, educational programs and analysis are available and generally adequate. There is excellent collaboration and consultation with key medical people in the community, including international experts in hypertension, the Minnesota Heart Association, local hospitals, and industrial medical people. There is also a long history of effective collaboration of this laboratory with national trials (Diet-Heart and Coronary Drug Project), with the co-chairman of the new program, J. Stamler, and with its coordinator, R. Remington.

We will, therefore, be grateful to you for keeping us well-informed of any presentations of proposals, either first or later phase, which you consider appropriate that we make.

Cordially,

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Professor

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c. c. A. Keys, H. Taylor, G. Payne, J. Stamler, R. Remington

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