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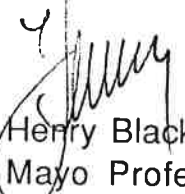
Dear Fred:

This is in reply to your kind handwritten note of 3 November. "Walking Sticks" is doing fine, but has not yet a publisher. My view of these writing efforts alternates between a sense of profound trivia versus a sense of change and creativity.

I share your problem with papers still staring us in the face.

The enclosed introduction to the Ancel Keys lecture was a real pleasure to give and Geoffrey did his usual marvelous job. I was happy to hear from him that he is going to put all of these sorts of thoughts together in a book before he retires next year.

Cordially,

  
Henry Blackburn, MD  
Mayo Professor of Public Health

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Enclosure



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Dr. Henry Blackburn

Dear Henry,

It was good to talk to you,- and also to Stacy. I enclose a paper I was asked to write, as an introduction to a special issue of a Swiss journal. I happened to talk to David Jacobs here a couple of days ago about the early beginnings and said I'd send him a copy from Switzerland. However, as it happened again, I had a copy here which I was going to send to Liese Abell (of Abell-Kendall fame),- an old friend who was also born in Frankfurt... Anyway,- here it is. I enjoyed writing it.

All the best, as ever -

Fred.

F. H. Epstein

P.S.: I sent another copy to David.

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Dear Fred.  
Delimit that! Why not  
send, in English,  
to Ed Bierman  
for Antimutagens  
Henry*

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Dr. Henry Blackburn  
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Dear Henry,

On September 30, I thanked you already for your hand-written letter, brought to Stockholm by Jasenka, attaching materials relating to the application of Darwin Labarthe to the NHLBI and the intervention by Ms. Flowers. We spoke briefly about this matter in Bethesda and you indicated that it had been resolved through skillful handling by Bill Harlan and Millicent Higgins. I believe you thought originally that it would be helpful if I wrote a letter to Dr. Lenfant in support of the position which you expressed in your own statement so thoroughly and eloquently. Is a letter by myself to Claude still desirable or would it run in open doors at this later stage? Unless I hear from you to the contrary, I will consider the matter closed as far as I am concerned. Otherwise, I would, of course, be glad to write a letter, stating my own views - coinciding, of course, with yours - in my own words. Incidentally, I have met Mr. Schifter, the Undersecretary for Minority Affairs, who was a partner in the law firm, with my cousin Hermann Simon who just died a month before his 90th birthday (Mr. Schifter gave the main address at a memorial ceremony in New York early in October which we attended). If it should serve any useful purpose, one could informally talk to Mr. Schifter (he is really a Democrat, like Ambassador Kampelman and Mr. <sup>Pargent</sup> Shriver who are also partners in the same firm).

Every good wish as ever,

Yours,

Fred.

Prof. Dr. F. H. Epstein



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Dear Henry,

Ever so many thanks for your two letters of November 28, the one showing understanding for my decision to retire as formal consultant to the International Newsletter, the other about the "minority issue" in research support on the part of the NHLBI. No,- I did not know that Mr.Kampelman was one of Ancel's "guinea-pigs". Particular thanks also for sending me the text of your address on the occasion of the Keys Lecture. It is a masterpiece in content and style,- not a single unnecessary sentence or word. This magnificent cavalcade of Ancel's life work has probably never been put together in one terse cast and noone could have done it but you, of course. Talking about writing,- did I ever tell you how much I enjoyed reading the four "sketches" from the Cortland Forum which Jasenka had sent some months ago?

Doris and I send Stacy and you every conceivable good wish for the New Year. And the most deeply felt congratulations on the Gold Heart Award!

Cordially, as ever,

*Fed.*

Prof.Dr.F.H.Epstein



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Dear Henry,

Many thanks for your hand-written letter and enclosures, brought by Jasenka to Stockholm. I feel very strongly that the commotions around the "Labarthe application" are very disturbing and represent, in a way, a reverse sort of bigotry. I don't see how I could be of any help but I hope we can talk about this in Bethesda. I would also like to talk about your suggestion that I write an English counterpart to my history-of-cholesterol paper for "Arteriosclerosis". Talking about history... (should we?)... Thirdly or fourthly, I think it is time that I retire as consultant to the International Newsletter; I told Felix that I would like to discuss this with you.

We are off to Bethesda to-morrow. The "low cholesterol" conference will be extremely important and I look forward to it. David's superb tables provide an excellent point of departure.

Au revoir and all good wishes, also to Stacy and also from Doris, as ever,

Cordially,

Prof. Dr. F. H. Epstein

P.S.: did I tell you that I was elected an FRCP under a special by-law, - in the very, very good company of Kalevi. I can't tell you how much this meant to me...

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Dear Fred:

Thank you for your recent notes. I think we should sit tight on the issue of minorities in epidemiological studies. If and when I put together an editorial on this subject, I would appreciate your reaction to it. So let's let the matter drop for the moment.

I am interested to hear of your relationship with Mr. Schifter, Undersecretary of Minority Affairs. A remarkable firm, Schifter, Kampelman and Shriver. Of course, you are aware that Max Kampelman was one of Ancel Keys' guinea pigs during the semi-starvation experiments in World War II.

Cordially,

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