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Dear George:

I had the privilege of seeing a preprint a year or so ago of parts of your WHO report on "developing quantitative nutrient goals." I was thrilled to see finally in an official publication the separation of recommended individual and population goals. I worked for two years to sell that concept to the National Research Council/Diet Health Report and was successful in getting a discussion of the issue, but not in getting consistently separate recommendations. I would be grateful, if the report is finished, if you would direct me to it or send me a reprint, particularly the annex which I have seen in Sushma Palmer's office but don't have a copy of. I think all should adopt that excellent outline defining the lower and upper limits for population goals and "desirable intake" for individuals, as well as the concept of an "interim goal."

The most intelligent formal report incorporating these ideas is a WHO Report on Developing Quantitative Nutrient Goals in the table which gives examples of the WHO "population nutrient goal." Your group is also to be commended for the recommendation to get away from the P:S ratio. We are considerably at fault here for not publishing and disseminating early

on more appropriate and easily usable versions of 2S-P or the Minnesota B Score concept.

Although you are very kind to give us (NRC Report) credit for separating the individual and population goals, they were not nearly as clearly laid out as in your publication.

Cordially,

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Enclosure

p.s. I send along these miscellany for your amusement. The low cholesterol-disease ~~for~~^{and} diet change associations are considerably preoccupying in these days.