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Dear Dr. Lenfant:

Please send these comments on the Digitalis Trial, which I learned on departure for Manila is to be considered again by Council this week.

Jay Cohn has indicated that his concern about clinical stratification has been effectively addressed and that the design should now fly. Certainly, the clinical issue has major importance, the methods are well developed and the trial as now proposed should answer the question posed. It also seems to me that the recruitment system is quite innovative and the cost impressively low.

Thus, it would appear that the investigators have done their job well and that the peer review process functioned appropriately. Therefore, the proposal should, by rights, carry the day!

I hope that you might put forward these brief comments to Council.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry Blackburn (94)".

Henry Blackburn, MD
Professor and Director
(en route to Manila)

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