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Dear Daan,

Henry Blackburn was here two days ago with a final manuscript of the document about coronary heart disease. He read it aloud to me, word for word. It is a fine job but I have two important points to mention. First, Menotti did not understand how the men were enrolled in the Seven Countries Study. were not a "butch" sample with the exception of the railroad men, they were all valid statistical examples of men aged 40 through 59 in the selected areas. The second point is that the document does not mention the recent, most important, report on coronary heart disease published by Martti Karvonen. In my opinion this is by far the most important report in recent years. I sent you a recent copy of Martti's report which shows how a major change of the frequency of the disease in a population can be achieved by a change in the average diet of the population. I still don't understand the omission of the recent report from Finland from the document?

Regards,

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