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*To Sam
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Dear Daan:

I see no reason why you should anticipate any particular problem with Ancel Keys on the flavonoids paper. I suggest that you proceed as you have in recent years simply by sending him the paper at the same time you send it to other colleagues. By all means do not include Dr. Keys name on that paper if he didn't approve of it. It's hard for me to say whether that was an unselfish move on his part, or some other motivation.

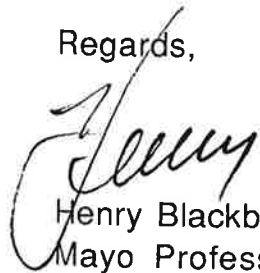
His recent upset probably had more to do with my name appearing on the small grant application to NIH to support Alessandro's work than any basic change in policy. He has always felt threatened (inappropriately) since Henry Taylor once frightened him shortly after his retirement that the Seven Countries data really belonged to this Institution and not to him personally.

Whenever my name appears he gets upset which accounts for my staying in the background for the last 20 years. You and Alessandro have managed to develop your own independent relationship with him and I suggest that I should not intervene in any way.

In terms of your idea for authors of studies involving all cohorts in the future, I think your idea of the basic active investigators is an appropriate one, along with acknowledgement and approval of the others. I think this

is a reasonable way to do it and the only fair and appropriate way to do it. The only thing that would make this airtight is that you inform investigators when you have analyses and publications in mind or in preparation so that no one is surprised by them when they receive the publication and request for approval. You should simply keep Ancel Keys in that circle of communication.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henry Blackburn", written in a cursive style.

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