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Mr. Len Cook
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Dear Len:

Thanks for your call and contacts concerning AHA records of the Council on Epidemiology and Prevention. I was distressed to hear that all those original documents no longer existed. I am sure that you or I or one of us would have been happy to keep them in our library or to propose a proper site for their deposition.

On the other hand, I am happy to hear that the records are preserved and that there has been a successful history of a Council written from the microfilmed records. What was the reference again?

I am finally at work on this question and am a little disappointed that I can't move immediately. On the other hand, with the long delay already, I'll simply have to adapt to reality.

We agreed that the most valuable documents would be the following:

- 1) Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Council since its origin;
- 2) Minutes of pre-Council activities including the Committee on Criteria and Methods;
- 3) Programs of the annual meetings of the Council, if possible dating back to the Chicago days prior to formal organization of the Council;
- 4) Table of contents of the CVD Epi Newsletter;

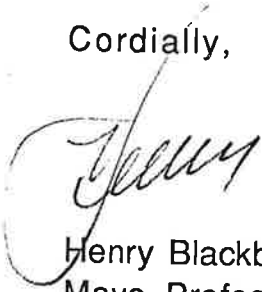
5) Summary reports of Council on Epidemiology for Scientific Council news.

If you can think of any other appropriate sources let's try to add them now rather than after the dirty job of reproduction from microfilm.

Please let me know who my contact person in the Council office should be if it is not to be yourself.

Many thanks for your help.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Henry Blackburn".

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