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September 28, 1972

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Dear Ron:

With the full concurrence of the Dean of the School of Public Health I would like to offer you the position of Senior Physician in this laboratory, with the rank of Associate Professor, and the title of Director of the ECG Center. The starting salary is \$23,000 annually. You have the privilege of outside consultations if clearly related to your function here and approved by the Dean.

Your responsibilities and opportunities here include, among others:

Direction of the ECG Coding Center and administration of its grants and contracts.

Membership on the Steering Committees of these national preventive trials: The Coronary Drug Project and the Hypertension Detection and Follow-up Program

Membership on the national clinical committee of the Multiple Risk Factor Intervention Trial.

Planning and execution of the Minnesota working units of the Lipid Research Centers Study of Prevalence of Lipid Abnormalities, the Hypertension Detection Program, and the Multiple Risk Factor Intervention Trial.

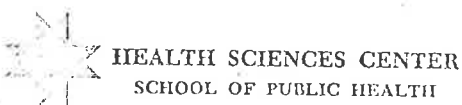
Analysis of the longitudinal population study data of this laboratory.

Development of teaching programs in epidemiology, both graduate and post-graduate.

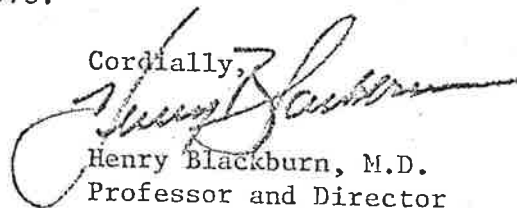
Supervision of graduate students in cardiovascular epidemiology.

Supervision of Resident's ECG readings in the Department of Medicine.

The position offered to you is essentially that of senior colleague in the longterm pursuits of this laboratory in the field of chronic disease prevention. I would welcome you in this capacity and am at your disposition to make the transition between countries and cultures as pleasant and easy as possible. We are prepared to participate in your transportation expenses to Minnesota up to \$2500. The date for commencement of your duties is flexible. We would hope that you might be able to arrive by early spring of 1973.



Cordially,



Henry Blackburn, M.D.
Professor and Director
Professor of Medicine



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Professor R. R. H. Lovell

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20th November, 1972

Professor Henry Blackburn,
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Dear Henry,

Thank you very much for the 3 letters of the 13th which arrived today. First of all, the protocol for the MRFIT hypertensives - I will work on this and send you an answer within the next fortnight. The next 2 days are taken up with Finals examination results and the following week finishing the Population Study in Brunswick.

I enclose the taxation form which you sent - they have been signed, thanks very much. Also thank you very much for your copy of the letter to Dr. Zukel. I can see that I will have no worries about wondering what to do when I first arrive.

At the moment I am awaiting confirmation of my Immigrant Visa and am not sure when this will come through. All forms have been sent off. However, I have tentatively arranged to leave Sydney on the 26th January on the ship "Ellinis" to arrive in Acapulco on 12th February where I intend to buy a car ^{over so by coach} and drive to Minneapolis. I am doing this for several reasons. I appreciate your suggestion about the safety of air freight. However, the differential between that and taking the luggage myself by sea is about 30 or 40 times ^{will just cover out @ times} the \$2,500 you quoted as likely to be available for our travel expenses. Therefore I wish to economize on taking our personal belongings.

In addition, I have personal things that have to be attended to in January and the only break I will have will be on the way across. As is always the case, one is plunged into work immediately on arrival at a new job and I therefore do not wish to leave any commitments behind me and have the chance of this break before I start. I also wish to impress on the children where they are and how far they have come.

Thank you also for the house rental offer - at the moment will need 4 bedroom house near good primary and preschools (this is more important than distance from University). Encl.

Regards,

Ron Prineas



2nd October, 1972

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Dear Henry,

Your letter of 28th September arrived this morning.
Thank you very much for responding so quickly.

I was very grateful for your attention and help on my visit and now having gotten over standing on my head (it all depends on your point of view), I am very impressed with your department. It was also a pleasure to meet so many other people.

The other jobs I have to consider, though they have perhaps an equivalence in static things, have neither you to work with nor the potential of your department. It is really no contest in the final analysis.

I am delighted to say that Julie (my wife) is just as enthusiastic about the move now. This letter, therefore, is a firm acceptance of the job offer. We will arrive in February - I shall make it as close as possible to the beginning, but this will depend on whether it is best for us to come by sea or air. If we come by sea, it might be easier to bring all our belongings with us this way. However, in the next month I will make enquiries and fix on a firm date and send this date to you as soon as possible.

Please thank Mrs. Blackburn again for her care and trouble for the dinner. I hope we can respond soon even to including "a little cream".

Looking forward with great anticipation and delight at seeing you again in February,

Best regards,

Ron Prineas