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Dear Dr. Ross:

I am pleased to hear that you will give an outside opinion on the feasibility of the MRFIT undertaking exercise ECG tests by late Fall. I have not heard whether the MRFIT Clinical Endpoints Committee, of which I am co-chairman, is represented in the meeting to discuss this matter with you. It is the only source aware of all the plans made, and facilities and readiness of MRFIT to move ahead on ECG and exercise recording and analysis.

At any rate Oley Paul has asked that I make myself available if you wish the CEP Committee represented.

Also, at his request, I provide you with the enclosed background information on the planning which has taken place to date. This is in the form of a current letter of information to Robert Levy from the Clinical Endpoints Committee, with the existing MRFIT manual of operations for the ECG and exercise ECG, and a report on performance of the Hypertension and Detection Centers using the instrument and procedures we will be using in the resting ECG format of MRFIT. The letter indicates a rapid decrease in technically defective records, "aborts," etc. after one month's breaking in and central training which we anticipate will take place before MRFIT operations begin. a

I am not anxious to travel any more than necessary, but am available for the 3rd August, in person or by phone, to report on the plans of the MRFIT Clinical Endpoints Committee and its ECG Subgroup.

Cordially,

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CEP Committee and Steering Committee (be sure H. Richman gets packet)