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February 25, 1964

Dr. Pierre W. Duchosal
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Dear Professor Duchosal:

I was delighted to receive and was most interested in your letter of February 21 with its important contribution to unanimity in the field of ECG-VCG.

If you would consent to any part of your Atlanta presentation being made available to members of the ECG-VCG Subcommittee, or to the American Heart Subcommittee on Criteria and Methods, I should be pleased to receive and disseminate it.

For example, if the variations found within an individual (day-to-day, normal respiration, etc.) in one lead system were no greater than those between the Frank and McFee systems it would be an extremely valuable demonstration to all workers in the field.

Let us know if we can be of assistance here.

I had looked forward to the possibility of meeting you on a visit to Geneva in the Fall of '62 but instead was toppled by a shigellosis and ended up on the service of Prof. Mueller with your interne Fernex in attendance.

Best personal regards,

Henry Blackburn, M.D.
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HB/cjm

February 9, 1968

Professor Pierre W. Duchosal
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Dear Professor Duchosal:

Thank you for your very kind letter of February 5. My concern in writing Jean Lequime was to support Dr. Lepschkin's effort on the new Journal of Electrocardiology. The journal is now a private undertaking and I believe the composition and rotation of its editorial board should be determined by a notable body, preferably within the I. S. C.

The overture toward activating the Biophysics Section was meant to stimulate its formation and function, and should not be interpreted otherwise. As you know, I have "served my time" on the former electrocardiology subcommittee. In addition, I believe it has been recommended for central action that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the American Heart Association Council on Epidemiology serve as liaison to the I. S. C. Section on Epidemiology, and there I'm sure I would be quite sufficiently occupied. Eventually liaison between sections will develop and it would be useful for Biophysics and Epidemiology to have good communication. I would try to support that.

Dr. Keys and I have discussed our mutual concern for the important and ambitious Section on Biophysics. We should be practical and involve ourselves where there is much interest and leadership, as in the fields of electrocardiology and computers in cardiology. I have suggested in communications with Jean Lequime that active leadership be sought in a vice-chairman to complement the function of Professor Rylant. Dr. Keys and I concur that such an arrangement might be better than section reorganization in the present situation until 1970.

In casting for ideas for this leadership, interest, reputation and contribution, and international contacts were considered and there

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are a number of possibilities. The most effective person might be Hubert Pipberger and I believe he would be interested.

We are very happy with our McFee placement system of your design.

Many regards,

Henry Blackburn, M.D.

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cc: Dr. Keys
Dr. Lequime
Dr. Werko
Dr. Maddox
Dr. Puddu
Dr. Chapman
Dr. Moret
Dr. Keith

January 6, 1965

Tentative Agenda for Meeting of Subcommittee

on ECG-VCG and Computer Methods

Venice, April 12 - 17

April 12

- 9-11 A.M. Discussion and approval on agreed agenda. Review of draft of Subcommittee's technical manual and problems in ECG-VCG instrumentation.
- 11-1 P.M. Attendance of other Subcommittee Meetings.
- 3-6 P.M. Revision of draft of Technical Manual on ECG-VCG Instrumentation.

April 13

- 9-11 A.M. Review of problems in standardized ECG procedure for cardiovascular epidemiology, including training methods.
- 11-1 P.M. Attendance of other Subcommittee Meetings.
- 3-6 P.M. Draft of Subcommittee recommendations to Research Committee on standardized Procedure.

April 14

- 9-11 A.M. Review of agenda for Delhi Symposium on Computer Methods in Cardiology.
- 11-1 P.M. Attendance of other Subcommittee Meetings.
- 3-6 P.M. Recommendations to Program Subcommittee on agenda and participants of Symposium.

April 15-17

General Meeting and reports to Research Committee.

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May 24, 1965

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Dear Henry:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the report of a working sub-committee on "Standardization of the Electrocardiogram for Exercise Tests." Although I attended the Helsinki conference on Physical Activity and the Heart, last August, I did not, as you know, participate in the deliberations of this working subcommittee. Whereas I appreciate the sentiment that I was represented in spirit, I am dubious that the other members of the committee would so readily accede to including my name among those present and responsible for developing what I think is essentially an excellent statement of the problems and the needs.

I have taken the liberty of making a few pencilled editorial comments or modifications of the statement, with the hope that this might clarify one or two points and make it more appropriate for general dissemination.

Actually, by the time you have provided appropriate documentation of the six deaths, which you recommend, I think this should be expanded into a document of considerable length. Rather than urging this, however, I would prefer to see a minimal amount of documentation, or better still, the evidence for making more specific recommendations about each of these six points. This might help to convince some of us who either are ignorant or oblivious to the issues cited.

As an additional thought, it would seem that there is a growing need for an active subcommittee to Henry Taylor's planning grant committee, to deal with some of these issues. I hope you will continue to provide the leadership to get this job done.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,



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Enclosure