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Dear Beth:

It was wonderful to get your March 17th letter. Yes, we were very sad to miss San Antonio. It was just after two months in Florida and Stacy's job and my consultations and the grandchildren all seemed to take priority to the meeting, no matter how attractive.

There have been two sequels to the Seven Countries book I sent you. One, a publication of the 35th Anniversary Conference by the Japanese, which sort of summarizes what has happened in the countries since the study began. And another just went to the printer this week for my private publication, a continued elaboration of my personal adventures in the field along the style of my chapter in the book you already have. I had an awfully good time doing it and I hope I won't lose too many friends in publishing it.

We are still having terrible problems in advising people on how to buy copies of the book but I send a couple of forms in hopes they might eventually work.

Rachel sounds like she is having a most interesting life and I think it's wonderful she is thinking about epidemiology. I can't imagine a more effective mentor than Chuck Hennekens and hope she will visit him.

Hard to think of you moving out of your magnificent home with the music room and expansive kitchen, but I am sure there are good reasons to get

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closer to work. I have made that my criterion for houses the last 20 years, drawing a 10 minute circle around the University. It certainly has paid off.

I guess I won't make it east before your big move, but hope to see you after that. The FDA Diet Advisory Committee spring meeting date has not yet been set.

Things went well in Florida and I am bringing to fruition writings of the last ten years that should be published now at the rate of one every six to nine months. I have got to get these things out of the way to get on to newer, more difficult writing plans.

Stacy's school programs are going like gangbusters. She has designed and written programs, recruited a rock band, and serves basically as executive producer of violence prevention programs at the junior high level in Minneapolis schools. She loves the kids and they her.

Best regards to Ray.

Cordially,

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