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Dear Millicent:

Thanks for your early call about Fred. Several issues have arisen regarding recognition of Fred. There are good reasons that you and I collaborate on these and I would be happy if we could do so.

I had only a 45 minute deadline on the CVD Epi Newsletter obituary and called you on Friday afternoon for ideas and confirmation but you were apparently already en route to Barcelona.

Jim Willerson is interested in publishing a memoriam in *Circulation*. This may precede, or accompany, publication of the Keys Lecture. Do you think you and I should collaborate on the analysis of Fred's career? Since you probably have better access than I to his C.V. and publications list, would you prepare a first draft? If you prefer that I do the draft, please send me what documentation you have on file. Is there anyone other than Doris who has access to Fred's files?

I have proposed to Russ Luepker, who may have the only extant copy of Fred's Keys Lecture, that you and I simultaneously edit it and then I will integrate our efforts and return it to him. The manuscript is on the way to you.

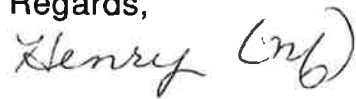
There is a sentiment for a "memorial service", and again I would propose that we collaborate. There are good reasons to have it in Bethesda, it seems to me, since that was Fred's intellectual base in the U.S. the last years; you are there, and Tony is there, and there is good access for many.

Presumably NHLBI might provide (staff) support to such an occasion? You and I need to talk soon on the desirability, feasibility, support, organization, date, and participants in such an event.

I'm available for discussions and await a call on your return.

I was sorry to miss Barcelona, but am enjoying my new directions (writing, advising, and consulting), uninterrupted by the disruptions of travel.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry (HB)".

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