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Dear Professor Blackburn:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your comments on Chapter 1 "Introduction and Background" for the Surgeon General's Report on Dietary Fats and Health. Thank you for the timely response and for pointing out several very important issues. We will use your comments and those from other members of the Editorial Board to revise the chapter.

In particular, the next revision of Chapter 1 will include findings from the Seven Countries Studies suggesting that there is a range of fat intake associated with good health among various populations. We also will include the National Academy of Sciences *Report on Diet and Health* as appropriate in Chapter 1, particularly in Table 1 that lists milestones in nutrition.

Chapter 6 "Obesity", which was listed in the tentative outline sent with Chapter 1, will include a discussion of obesity as related to intake of dietary fats and total energy. This may be an additional site for balancing issues about obesity in individuals with some population-based, socio-cultural aspects of obesity.

I am inclosing a printed copy of your e-mailed comments so you can see what was transmitted. I think a few important words or perhaps sentences were lost in transmittal. As I want to capture all of your comments, would you check the third page where I indicated? If there were a deletion, would you be kind enough to e-mail just those thoughts that were omitted.

I apologize for the lack of feedback on your earlier comments on the original Chapter 1. When the process was interrupted in 1996, the reviewers' comments and other files were boxed and stored. Though I have retrieved them and searched for your earlier comments, I have been unable to locate them.

Thank you for offering to contribute to Chapters 2, 3 and 8. I would also hope that you consider contributing to Chapter 6 on Obesity.

Please call me if you have any additional concerns or comments.

Sincerely,



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