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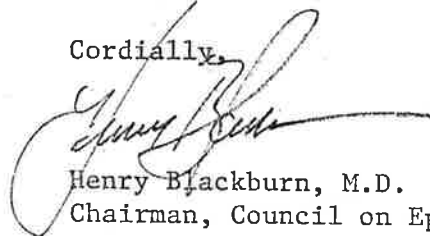
Dear Dr. Feinfeild:

I have shared the general reaction of other scientific council chairmen in hearing of a "disproportionate cut" in council representation. However, after hearing the careful, open and thoughtful deliberations of your committee I am quite convinced that there is 1) no "plot" to reduce the importance of the councils, that 2) the central role of councils' functions is appreciated by your committee, and 3) that there is no good alternative to cutting council representation by precisely 50%.

I believe that if you were to make your point clear in a memorandum to all council chairmen and then to call them, you would allay some of the concern, incompletely informed opinions, or worse, the petulance floating about.

Clearly, at the Executive Committee level, you should take steps to maintain or, better, to strengthen the voting representation of the councils which are indeed the heart of the Heart Association.

Cordially,



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