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TO: All Invited Participants in the
AHA Symposium on Sudden Coronary Death Outside Hospital
Spring Hill, Minneapolis, October 10-12, 1974

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The objectives of this Symposium are:

- to indicate the status of knowledge in the field of sudden coronary death outside hospital
- to point up the deficiencies in this knowledge and the major current issues and possible means of their resolution
- to concentrate on the intellectual questions and practical problems in discussions among informed and mature investigators and medical leaders.

To facilitate reaching these objectives the following plan is in operation:

- a retreat environment in Minnesota in which we will be sole occupants, and a limited enrollment (50 invitees and 10 staff from AHA and NHLI)
- a program focussed on major questions rather than back-to-back data presentation
- strong leadership in the chair to guide and summarize each discussion session
- a major disinterested review of each topic by one or two experienced investigators responsible also to analyze issues and pose central questions
- open discussion highly directed to the major issues
- precirculation of reviewers' manuscripts

The objectives of the publication to follow the Symposium are to present:

- a major collection of invited articles of up-to-date information
- a full text of the conference discussions

Enclosed is the tentative program and participant list.

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All Conference members are requested now to forward previously published materials to the appropriate reviewer on the enclosed program. Participants are also invited to submit previously unpublished data for inclusion in the Proceedings to be prepared for a Circulation Supplement. This material must be relevant to points to be made in your conference discussion. Such data should be assembled in a note of up to three typed pages (including illustrations) to be published in a section appended after the appropriate discussion, and should be submitted to us by October 1.

Participants wishing to submit for editorial consideration more full or extensive articles of relevant and previously unpublished material may do so. It would facilitate publication if these were received by October 1 for some editorial review prior to seeing you at the Symposium. Accepted edited manuscripts are in any case required immediately after the meeting, i.e., by November 1. Correspondence should be addressed to us at

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