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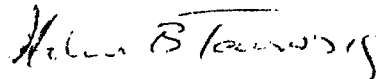
Dear Doctor Stewart:

In behalf of the American Heart Association I wish to thank you for inviting me and Dr. James Warren to your meeting at the National Institutes of Health yesterday afternoon, Thursday, December 9th.

We are extremely pleased with the first draft of the regulations. May we urge you and your Advisory Committee to keep the regulations as broad and as flexible as possible, with the maximum possible control with the local committees. The great variation in the conditions throughout our country makes flexibility in the various programs highly desirable. The success of the regional programs will ultimately depend upon the spirit and the determination with which the various local committees undertake the task. The more flexible the regulations are in development of the various programs to meet local needs, the greater will be the enthusiasm of the participants to make the programs a success.

I trust you will be so kind as to keep us informed of these regulations as they become formalized and advise us when they are published in the federal registry, before they become law.

Most sincerely,



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