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April 6, 1956

Dr. Richard S. Koch

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Dear Dr. Koch:

Mr. Victor Schoch of the Washington State Heart Association has recently passed your letter of March 20, 1956 to me for reply.

In answer to question 1 and 2, I refer you principally to "Nomenclature and Criteria for Diagnosis of Diseases of the Heart", of the New York Heart Association, as approved by the American Heart Association.

Question #3 can probably be answered from Menard M. Gertler and Paul D. White's book "Coronary Heart Disease in Young Adults" and William H. Sheldon's "The Varieties of Human Physique."

I am sorry that my unfamiliarity with osteopathic terminology prevent me from giving adequate references for questions 4-7. Problems of correlation of somato typing to various functional and organic diseases has been studied quite extensively by Sheldon and may well be reported in any number of his monographs or texts. Kyphoscoliotic heart disease may not be cervical upper thoracic postural slumping exactly, but it does consist of a fixed chest deformity which results in derangement of cardiovascular dynamics. Numerous references may be found to this in the current and past medical literature.

The medical literature is simply and well indexed in the Armed Forces Medical Library's Current List of Medical Literature. This index will be found in any library which offers medical literature. The questions of dermatomal distribution of other disorders in relationship to cardiac abnormality is probably best discussed in the Osteopathic Literature with which I am not familiar.

I trust some of these references may be of help to you in the preparation of your paper.

Sincerely,

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