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We have been concerned for some time with the need for an organization of epidemiologists which would include all those who are active in this field. Such an organization would provide a common meeting ground for stimulation and encouragement of the different generations of epidemiologists and the various categories of specialists in infectious, chronic and mental disease epidemiology.

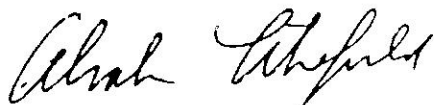
We suggest that this organization conduct a two-day annual meeting devoted to formal and informal discussion of such areas as methodology, current status and research needs in specific diseases, interrelations of infectious, chronic and mental disease epidemiology, and problems of education and training. We would hope to develop a more stimulating milieu for argument than that afforded by the usual 20 minute paper and 5 minute question and discussion sequence.

This letter is being mailed to active epidemiologists known to us. We should appreciate it very much if you would answer the following questions:

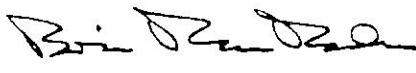
1. Would you be interested in joining such an organization and participating in its annual meeting?
2. Would you be willing to pay annual dues of \$5 to pay for postage and organizational expenses?
3. What are your ideas concerning content and organization of the annual meeting program?

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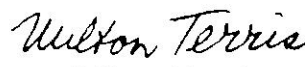
Sincerely yours,



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