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Charles A. Egger *WITA response*
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Mont s. R. 13 th November 98

Dear Adhiratha Kevin,

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I refer to our last exchange of letters and in particular to your reply of 5 June 98. Since then I have started to utilise the WHO library in Geneva on the subject of the history of Primary Health Care. At the 20th meeting of the JCHP of February 1975, the study on "alternative approaches to meeting the basic health needs of the populations of developing countries" was discussed. The record of the meeting in the minutes of this meeting from 4 - 6 Febr. 75 of the 20th session of JCHP is missing in the WHO records. *IN JCHP ARCHIVES OR ARCHIVE?*

You mention in your letter that these may well be stored in the archives of UNICEF or the United Nations, and that during a next visit to New York I could go through them. I am not sure when I am likely to get to New York next time. I wondered therefore if it would be possible for somebody on your staff to go through these records and retrieve the minutes of that particular meeting which was crucial to lay the basis for PHC and the subsequent submission to the Alma Ata conference by WHO, UNICEF and the Russian government *and possibly make a photocopy?*

These minutes are in fact crucial for finding the origin of the future policy. If it cannot be done then I will have to await a possible

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visit in 1999 may be in the spring or summer.

You will have to tell me quite openly if it can be done or one will have to await my presence.

In the meanwhile again my sincere thanks and best regards to yourself

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