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TO Dr. John J. Burns

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March 8, 1985

FROM Patricia Fallon

SUBJECT Update: Recommended Dietary Allowances and Food and Nutrition Board

As you know, the RDA Working Group and external consultants, including Dr. Mark Hegsted of Harvard Medical School, will be meeting Monday, March 11, at 9 a.m. in the Fifth Floor Conference Room of the Givaudan Building. Agenda topics include the following:

- Status of FNB Committee on Dietary Allowances and Situation Update
- Background Paper on the Consequences of a Change in the RDA
  - .. Smith Draft--Food and Health Considerations
  - .. Oster Draft--Public Health and Economic Considerations
- Finalization of Strategies and Implementation Plans
  - .. Assignments and Timetable

Attached is the most recent draft of the Background Paper prepared by Dr. Jack Smith. As was the case with the Oster draft, possible submission of the paper in a revised format to a scientific journal will be discussed.

For your convenience, I have summarized information relevant to the progress of our activities:

- While we are fairly certain the FNB Committee on Dietary Allowances has finalized many RDA values, apparently there has been considerable debate within the Committee, particularly with regard to vitamin C. As we encourage FNB Chairman Kurt Isselbacher to consider the impacts of an RDA change, we should also encourage him to request a minority report from the Committee to assist FNB review of the values. In view of the tight FNB timetable, we will only have a short time to make this suggestion.
- NAS President Dr. Frank Press has agreed in principle to the establishment of FNB liaison with the Institute of Food Technology (IFT). When the IFT mechanism is formally established, the FNB Industry Liaison Panel will dissolve, and thus, industry will only have indirect contact with the FNB. The IFT will select scientific experts from their membership to form the liaison group.

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Please call if you have any questions and, hopefully, your schedule will permit joining us on Monday.

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Attachment

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