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Dear Dr. Enstrom:

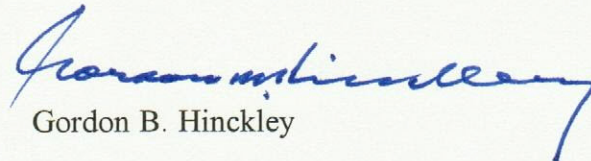
It was most kind and gracious of you to write me under date of June 20.

You have accomplished a tremendous thing in your study of the effects of the Word of Wisdom. It is most interesting to note that active Mormon men "have a life expectancy of 85 years, which is 11 years longer than that of average U. S. males and 20 years longer than that of U. S. males with poor health habits."

Certainly, this is of tremendous significance. I have not as yet had opportunity to read the study you enclosed but look forward to doing so.

Please accept my thanks and good wishes.

Sincerely,



Gordon B. Hinckley