Contributor

Mr. Doran

May 10, [illegible]

Messrs. Harrington
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Dr. Douglas H. Sprunt

On the occasion of the Annual Meeting of the Directors of The Tobacco Institute earlier this year, I mentioned to Mr. Harrington our need for the continued help of Dr. Sprunt, Chairman of the Department of Pathology of the University of Tennessee. At that time I explained that Dr. Sprunt had repeatedly tried to obtain a grant from the Council for Tobacco Research to finance his research concerning his thesis that prior lung infections may play a significant role in lung cancer causation. I obtained Mr. Harrington's consent to commit the Company to underwriting a part of the cost of the Sprunt animal experiments over a five year term at a cost of about $5,000 a year in the event the Council again turned him down.

Our present problem arises out of the fact that Dr. Sprunt has again been turned down by the Council's Scientific Advisory Board.

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The attached letter from Dr. Marsh of the University of Tennessee asks, in place of a commitment to support Dr. Sprunt's research over a period of years, for our share of the cost of an electronmicroscope (i.e., $8,567.67).

In my opinion this is a reasonable substitute, and a less [illegible] [illegible]. I [illegible] the Company comply with Dr. Marsh's request. The check can be made payable to the Department of Pathology, University of Tennessee, and if desired, I will be glad to send the covering letter. Parenthetically, Dr. Sprunt has never [illegible] a fee for services rendered in connection with trials. The Company did contribute about $2,500 to his laboratory after the New Orleans trial.

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At the meeting of the Tobacco Institute Special Committee of Lawyers, held September [illegible], several of those attending indicated interest in having a copy of the exchange of letters with Dr. Levin for their files. In accordance with this request, we have had the letters reproduced and are enclosing copies for your retention.

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Stanley L. Temko

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