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I am enclosing herewith a copy of a proposed special project received recently from Dr. Alvan R. Feinstein. This has been forwarded to me by Ed Jacob following his discussion of it with Dr. Feinstein. Bill Shinn and Ed Jacob have both met with Dr. Feinstein in regard to securing his services in other areas of our current needs and we all consider that Dr. Feinstein is a most important individual for us to have available to us, both in regard to the enclosed special project and otherwise.

Dr. Feinstein is seeking a grant from the Public Health Service to finance the enclosed project. What he seeks from the tobacco industry is assurance that if the Public Health Service does not respond affirmatively, we will. I had previously planned on waiting until Dr. Feinstein heard from the Public Health Service before taking the matter up with you. It now appears that he will be under some time pressure if the government should turn him down because a great portion of the money he wants is for salaries as it is necessary for him to maintain long-term commitments with the personnel involved.

I think that the value of the proposed project appears on the face of Dr. Feinstein's description. However, one value that does not is that the continuance of this work will enable him to develop reliable data in several of the clinical aspects of cancer which may be very significant from a causation standpoint but which are generally ignored because no one has developed

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reliable analyses of them. Dr. Feinstein is an articulate spokesman and we could expect the material developed by him to be brought to the attention of the scientific community.

I strongly recommend that you agree to the financing of this work in the amount described by Dr. Feinstein as a special project of CTR. All of this, of course, is contingent on Dr. Feinstein being turned down by the Public Health Service.

I will look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,


David R. Hardy

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