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TO: Committee of Counsel (CONFIDENTIAL)
FROM: Horace R. Kornagay
SUBJECT: "Shubik Blasts Tobacco Industry Scientists"

The attached story on "Shubik Blasts Tobacco Industry Scientists" in the CANCER NEWSLETTER October 4, 1974 is accurate in its essentials. However, the target of Shubik's attack was tobacco industry-funded research. Dr. Shubik exploded after Bob Hockett's presentation of such research funded by CTR at the Tobacco Working Group meeting. His statement,

"It shocks me that 20 years later (after the health hazards of cigarettes had become evident) you have not joined the community of men. You will go down in history denying facts well-known to the scientific community. When I see people die of a preventable disease, and I know what caused it, I get very angry. It offends me when people who are scientists and who know better, offer the errant nonsense that cigarettes are not a health threat."

was actually addressed to Dr. Hockett and was in reaction to Dr. Hockett's saying that the problem that industry has in reducing the carcinogenicity of cigarettes stems from a definition of what carcinogenicity is. That is, it's not a property but a process, different by species, by sight and by laboratory artifact. Unreported as well, was the comment made to Fred Panzer by Gori that Shubik's outburst would be typical of the reaction to a presentation of industry research to the National Cancer Advisory Board.

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Shubik was present when Gori said this and confirmed Gori's prediction. The actual target of Shubik's blast makes more understandable the significance of the exchange between Shubik and "another industry scientist" in the hall after the meeting. Dr. Wakeham had in his hand the CTR Annual Report and was referring to the large number of CTR grantees when he said to Shubik "won't you admit that scientists who disagree with you have a right to their opinions, Phil?" Shubik replied "Not when you are paid to reach that conclusion... That makes you a prostitute," referred as much to CTR grantees as to industry scientists.

It is important to set the record straight on just what Shubik was talking about in order to underscore the irony of his grants from the American Petroleum Institute.



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