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Dear Dave:

I have recently learned that there may be interest at Yale in having Dr. Alvan Feinstein provided with a biostatistician. The thought is that the biostatistician could perform critical analyses which would be helpful to Dr. Feinstein and that many of these would be in the field of smoking and health.

The level of expense necessary to maintain such a person is approximately \$25,000 per year. Of course, it cannot be expected that major results would flow from any such endeavor in a year or two; on the other hand, it should be possible to see some substantial progress within two years. Accordingly, it would not be unreasonable to proffer support for a two-year period, with the understanding that further support would be forthcoming only if the results of the first two years made it clear that the biostatistician was providing or had the potential of providing useful assistance to Dr. Feinstein.

If you think well of this, I would very much appreciate it if you would obtain authorization for a special project along these lines. In the circumstances, it would not be appropriate to seek to work out the precise details of the arrangement until we knew that, if the details were satisfactory, the special project could go forward.

I assume that Dr. Feinstein's background is sufficiently known to everyone so that further material is not needed. If, however, you do require any further information, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Yours sincerely,


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