

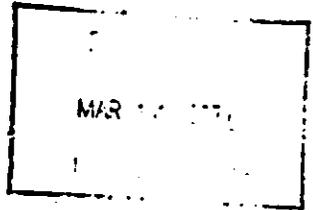
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Please find enclosed as Exhibit A an interim report from Dr. Theodor Sterling for the grant year 1976-1977 and request for renewal. Dr. Sterling is interested in a continuation of his project grant for three years with funding to commence July 1, 1977, and has attached an estimated budget for the three-year period 1977-80.

Dr. Sterling's activities during the past two years have included the following: appearance on The Milwaukee Advocates program to debate the nonsmoker issue; testimony and lengthy statement for the Kennedy/Hart hearings; presentation of a paper, "New Evidence Concerning Smoking and Health," at the request of the Australian tobacco industry; and the writing of several substantial review articles on significant topics (see "List of Important Articles" in Exhibit A).

I have had an extensive discussion with Dr. Sterling concerning the American Cancer Society's "five-year plan." We have also discussed the ramifications of the recently announced ACS forums.

I consider the work that Dr. Sterling has done over the past two years to be invaluable and his services on a continuing basis almost essential. We have, as an example, been concerned for

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sometime with screening techniques that may be used to further indict cigarette smoking on questionable evidence. Dr. Sterling has just completed a review and analysis of sputum cytology which he has submitted for publication. While I realize that Dr. Sterling's statistical credentials do not enable him to address all problems, a great many of the difficulties we have are, in some way, related to the statistical field.

Dr. Sterling has been a catalyst of sorts in his work with individuals who have an interest in related areas, such as Dr. Bea van den Berg, Dr. Mancuso and others.

Dr. Sterling's interest in requesting certain data from Dr. Hammond has been heightened by Hammond's claim that he "looked at occupation" in connection with his recent report on low "tar" and nicotine cigarettes. Sterling is genuinely mystified by the apparent ACS reluctance to view air pollution and occupational exposure as lung cancer suspects.

An up-to-date curriculum vitae (note the reference to his presidency of the Canadian Computer Science Association) is attached as Exhibit B.

Dr. Sterling is entitled to a year of administrative leave and has an opportunity to obtain additional time off by scheduling courses to start at later dates. He has become particularly interested in recent surveys purporting to show an upswing in smoking by certain segments of the population and an "increased" disapproval of smoking by the U. S. public. The material which would need to be reviewed would require Dr. Sterling to call on other persons for technical assistance and to devote substantial amounts of his own time to the reviews.

Dr. Sterling is an independent scientist and within the general descriptions provided by the grant document, the specific work he undertakes is his affair. As we have stated in earlier grant proposals, there are to be no strings attached and Dr. Sterling's findings are his own. We are free to agree or disagree with them.

Dr. Sterling's estimated budget for the first year is \$191,600. This includes an increase in personnel, consultation fees, and other items reflecting the additional work he is proposing to undertake. The second and third years would bring the

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total to about \$610,000 for a three-year grant. Dr. Sterling believes that having the grant for a three-year period will assure more stability with regard to hiring, etc.

The reason for a July 1 commencement date (instead of September 1, which is when the current project officially ends) is that Dr. Sterling incurred some additional costs in analyzing the Yerushalmy data. Dr. Sterling needs to advise a number of people about the requested extension and would appreciate a response reasonably soon.

We recommend support for Dr. Sterling for a three-year period at a total cost of approximately \$610,000.

Sincerely,



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