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Re: Dr. Richard J. Hickey

Gentlemen:

We have received a research proposal from Dr. Richard J. Hickey with a request for support for the 1978 calendar year. Dr. Hickey has sent two budgets. The first, totaling \$60,117.00 would cover salaries of Dr. Hickey, Dr. R. C. Clelland (co-principal investigator), and D. E. Spence plus all other expenses. Acceptance of the latter, totaling \$63,665.00, would allow Dr. Hickey to engage Anne B. Clelland, Ph.D., for statistical assistance (\$1500.00). She was a co-author of the "clinical biostatistics" paper recently submitted by Dr. Hickey to Dr. A. R. Feinstein for consideration as a publication in his series in Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics. In addition, the second budget would increase Dr. Hickey's salary from \$25,550.00 to \$25,700.00. Clerical expenses would also increase slightly.

The work described in the proposal is essentially a continuation of Dr. Hickey's research studies which were supported as a CTR Special Project during 1977. In addition, Dr. Hickey proposes to examine (1) maternal smoking, infant birth weight and the self-selection problem, and (2) public smoking: effect on the nonsmoker. He and Dr. Clelland are currently at work on a public smoking statement for possible submission at future legislative or administrative hearings on public smoking.

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Although Dr. Hickey has submitted a number of papers to leading journals in 1977 and has assembled a substantial body of data on air pollutant chemicals in U. S. cities, there is still a significant amount of work to be completed. We believe his research and interpretation of statistics on the relationship of air pollutants to disease are worthwhile endeavors and we are satisfied that Dr. Anne Clelland is a necessary member of the research team. Accordingly, we recommend approval of Dr. Hickey's proposed budget of \$63,665.00. CTR has been advised of the proposal and feels it is worthy of support.

Please let me know of your decision at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



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