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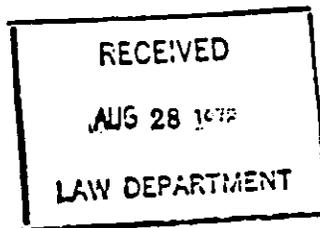
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Please find enclosed a preliminary application for funds to support a project for "Retrospective Analysis of Environmental Contacts of Patients With Respiratory Cancer, Other Cancers and Other Diseases."

Extensive occupational and smoking histories will be obtained from a number of individuals presently ill from lung and other cancers, and from other diseases. Dr. Theodor Sterling, one of the two principal investigators, recognizes that this is not the "ultimate" study, but hopes that it will help answer some of the questions raised with respect to "confounding" effects of occupation on studies associating cigarette smoking with disease.

I have not met or talked with the others who will be involved in this project but believe it should be funded based on Dr. Sterling's recommendation.

I recommend authorization as a CTR Special Project in the amount of \$58,320 for the first year and \$63,569 for the second year. This would be a total commitment of \$121,889.

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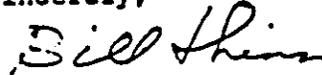
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I also enclose an exchange of correspondence between Dr. Sterling and the publisher, news critic and ombudsman of the Courier-Journal, which includes the paper's retraction.

Sincerely,



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