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February 14, 1979

Messrs. Thomas F. Ahrensfield
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RE: Eleanor Macdonald

Gentlemen:

Eleanor J. Macdonald, Professor Emeritus of Epidemiology at the University of Texas System Cancer Center (M. D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute) has requested an additional year's support for her Special Project.

The past year has been a productive one for Miss Macdonald. Her source book entitled The Epidemiology of Cancer: Incidence Analyzed by Type, Ethnic Group and Geographical Location was published by Raven Press in July, 1978. Her second book, which like the incidence book represents the culmination of her research partially funded by the industry, is now in press. It is currently scheduled for publication by Academic Press sometime early this year. It is anticipated that this second book will be well received by the scientific community. Also in preparation is a third volume giving her personal overview of 50 years in the field of cancer epidemiology. Miss Macdonald is considering a request by Raven Press to publish a companion book to the first one that would graph or map the incidence figures. She is also considering requests to publish her data regarding metastases.

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Miss Macdonald continues to be recognized as a premier name in cancer epidemiology. For example, NCI recently published a brochure on women scientists who have made major contributions in the field of cancer; Miss Macdonald was included. In addition, she serves as a consultant to many groups, and she still serves as the section editor (epidemiology) for the Yearbook of Cancer.

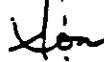
Both Miss Macdonald and her associate Dr. Wellington presented papers at the XII International Cancer Congress in Argentina in October, 1978. Their topics were "Regional Differences in Cancer Among the Spanish-Surnamed Population in Texas" and "Ethnic Effects in U. S. Cancer Mortality Models." More recently, Miss Macdonald discussed "Standards for Epidemiology Research" at the AAAS meeting in January, 1979.

We consider Miss Macdonald to be extremely knowledgeable about cancer epidemiology, and we expect to consult with her this year on a variety of matters, including the 1979 Surgeon General's Report, and potential litigation and Hearings material.

I have discussed Miss Macdonald's project with Dr. Hockett, who joins me in recommending that it be funded for an additional year (March 1979 - February 1980) at the requested level of \$106,443. A copy of the proposed budget is attached for your information.

Since Miss Macdonald's current funding will be ending shortly, we would appreciate your early decision.

Sincerely,



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