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RE: Eleanor Macdonald

Gentlemen:

The book Cancer Mortality: Environmental and Ethnic Factors by Eleanor J. Macdonald, et al., was recently published. Through the use of sophisticated statistical models, the study attempts to consider equitably many possible etiological factors in cancer. In doing so, Miss Macdonald believes it places the usually overemphasized role of smoking in perspective.

Miss Macdonald, Professor Emeritus of Epidemiology at the University of Texas System Cancer Center (M. D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute), has already received indications that her book is generating a good deal of interest in the scientific and academic communities.

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We are presently examining the book in detail. Copies of the title page and foreword are attached for your information.

Miss Macdonald seems extremely pleased with the completed book and has asked that I relay her appreciation of your support.

Sincerely,



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