

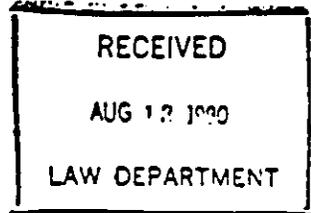
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Memorandum for Messrs. Ahrensfeld  
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Re: Dr. Carl Seltzer

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith a memorandum outlining a special project for Dr. Carl Seltzer, together with a proposed budget. Dr. Seltzer will be collaborating with Dr. Bea van den Berg, who has agreed to make her data available for this research. Dr. Alvan Feinstein will also provide assistance to this project. Dr. Seltzer expects to complete this research in about one year at a cost of \$56,000.

I have discussed this project with Dr. Gardner, as well as Pat Sirridge of the Shook, Hardy & Bacon firm, and both agree that this project should be approved.

I recommend the approval of this project and would appreciate hearing from you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Timothy M. Finnegan

cc: Ms. Janet C. Brown  
Alexander Holtzman, Esq.  
William W. Shinn, Esq.  
(with enclosures)

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Re: Dr. Carl Seltzer

Dr. Carl Seltzer is interested in doing research in connection with the constitutional hypothesis, i.e., the smoker, and not the smoking, is responsible for the reported statistical association between smoking and various diseases. During the last several years he has collaborated with Dr. Gary Friedman and others in analyzing data at Kaiser-Permanente in Oakland, California. The study was designed to investigate cardiovascular risk factors; however, Dr. Seltzer's main interest was in testing the constitutional hypothesis. His idea was to study cardiovascular risk factors in smokers and ex-smokers prior to their quitting. Dr. Seltzer completed his research last year and the results were published in The Journal of Chronic Diseases, a copy of which is attached hereto. In essence, he found that ex-smokers, before they quit smoking, had lower risk factors for coronary heart disease than for smokers who persisted.

Dr. Seltzer would now like to do a similar study of possible differences between smokers and nonsmokers but needs a data base which includes biological, psychological and health characteristics of a sizeable group of young

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people prior to the time they choose whether or not to smoke. His idea is to see if smokers differ significantly from nonsmokers prior to the time they decide to smoke. Obviously it is not easy to find such a population.

One such population is the Child Health & Development Studies (CHDS) in Berkeley, California, which is now headed by Dr. Bea van den Berg. CHDS was begun by the late eminent biostatistician, Dr. Jacob Yerushalmy, who was also interested in studying the constitutional hypothesis. In fact, several years before his death Dr. Yerushalmy expressed interest in doing the kind of study that Dr. Seltzer would now like to undertake.

About 20 years ago Dr. Yerushalmy began registering pregnant women at CHDS with a view towards studying their pregnancies, birth experiences and later development of their children. Over the years he was able to enroll approximately 20,000 women in CHDS and CHDS has been able to maintain contact with approximately 15,000 children who were followed through prenatal gestation and delivery. Moreover, a sizeable number of these children were examined at about the age of 5 years, again at about the age of 10 years and most recently at about the age of 15 years. As a result of these examinations, CHDS has obtained extensive information about these children and

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BUDGET

SELTZER

Salary	\$ 15,000	
Travel	<u>5,000</u>	
	20,000	
Overhead	<u>6,000</u>	\$ 26,000

CHILD HEALTH & DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

Statistician 20%	6,000	
Programmer 25%	5,000	
Computer time	10,000	
Secretary 50%	<u>5,000</u>	
	26,000	
Overhead	<u>4,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>
		TOTAL . . \$ <u>56,000</u>

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