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LAW DEPARTMENT

Dr. Duncan Hutcheon of the New Jersey School of Medicine & Dentistry performed research in 1979 and 1980 under a CTR Special Project grant. We are now recommending that Dr. Hutcheon be retained as a special consultant during a sabbatical leave from his university position.

The focus of Dr. Hutcheon's research has been the effects of various environmental exposures on different populations in the New York/New Jersey area. He has reported some of his results at scientific meetings and has submitted at least one article for publication. Attached to this letter is a copy of the summary Dr. Hutcheon sent to CTR regarding his pilot project.

Based on our discussions with Dr. Hutcheon, we feel that he has produced interesting data on the possible effects of certain environmental factors. Recently, Dr. Hutcheon has analyzed cardiovascular mortality patterns in the New Jersey area and determined that factors other than those studied in his pilot project may be involved. He is particularly interested in the possible effects of chemicals in the water supply of heavily industrial areas.

It is our view that Dr. Hutcheon's research pursuits have merit and that a consultancy would provide an ample opportunity for him to formulate projects and assess data sources. He also will continue as editor-in-chief of the Journal of Clinical Pharmacology during this period.

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We recommend that Dr. Hutcheon be retained by us under a consultancy agreement for \$12,000 for the six-month period of his sabbatical. I have discussed this project with Bill Shinn and we believe that it will provide Dr. Hutcheon with an opportunity to more fully investigate various hypotheses in the area of environmental health.

Your early response on this matter would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

  
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