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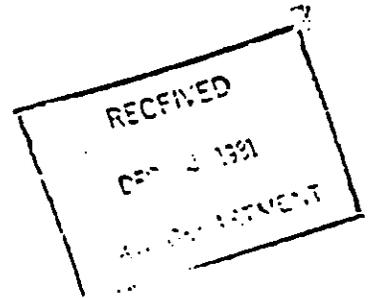
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Memorandum for Messrs. Ahrensfield
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Re: Dr. Carl Seltzer

Gentlemen:

Last year you approved a one year project for Dr. Carl Seltzer at a cost of \$56,000. This project allowed Dr. Seltzer to collaborate with Dr. Bea van den Berg in analyzing the data of the late Dr. Yerushalmy. The object of the project was to test the constitutional hypothesis by seeing if smokers differed from nonsmokers prior to the time they choose to smoke. The preliminary results of their research is that in the areas studied (e.g. psycho-social characteristics) differences do exist. Drs. Seltzer and van den Berg are now seeking to have their findings published.

Drs. Seltzer and van den Berg would like to continue and broaden their current research. For example, they are particularly eager to analyze the pattern of respiratory illness in their subjects prior to the time they chose to smoke. [This research is currently under way]. They would also like to study the pulmonary function and blood pressure values of these subjects.

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Drs. Seltzer and van den Berg currently estimate that they will be able to complete this research by the end of 1982 at a cost of \$66,000. However, they recognize that, due to the number of projects on which they will be working and the complexity of the data, they may require an additional 6 months, i.e. until June 1983, to finish their work.

I have discussed this matter with Pat Sirridge and with Dr. Alvan Feinstein who will continue to act as an advisor to this project. I have also discussed this project with Dr. Sommers and he supports funding this research.

I recommend the approval of this project and would appreciate hearing from you regarding this matter. I understand that the researchers will have exhausted the current funds for this project by the end of this year. Accordingly, if anyone feels the need to discuss this project, I hope that there will be time to do so at the December 10 meeting of the Committee of Counsel.

Sincerely,

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