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Memorandum for Messrs. Greer  
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Re: Kupper/Janis Project

Over the past several years, the industry has supported the research of Drs. Lawrence Kupper and Joseph Janis, School of Public Health of the University of North Carolina, in examining the thesis that there is a cohort effect on lung cancer mortality and, more generally, their study of an age-period-cohort statistical model and its application to lung and other cancers. Most recently that support has been in the form of a one-year special project which expires June 30, 1983.

Drs. Kupper and Janis have made substantial progress in their work over the past several years. They have applied new techniques to the statistical analysis of lung cancer mortality trends and they have given special attention to the investigation of a "high risk" birth cohort in lung cancer. Dr. Kupper's work in this area has enabled him to obtain many of the insights contained in the statement which he submitted during the recent Waxman and Hatch hearings, a copy of which is attached.

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Drs. Kupper and Janis require one more year of support in order to bring their work to a conclusion. During this time, Drs. Kupper and Janis will concentrate on writing papers for publication which will make their work available to the scientific community. One such paper, concentrating on the theoretical aspects of their research, was recently submitted for publication in Biometrics, a leading biostatistical journal. Two additional papers are contemplated: the first will be a general paper on methodology which will be submitted to a leading epidemiological journal; the second will deal with the age-period-cohort model of lung cancer mortality. Attached is a proposed budget prepared by Drs. Kupper and Janis in the amount of \$60,000 covering the period July 1, 1983 to June 30, 1984.

We have discussed this matter with Dr. Sommers and he strongly supports the continuation of this work as a special project.

We recommend funding the work of Drs. Kupper and Janis as a special project for a one-year period commencing July 1, 1983 in the amount of \$60,000. We look forward to hearing from you.



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