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Dr. Fredrick J. Stare of Harvard University has advised that Dr. Carl Seltzer has received permission to continue for one year beyond normal retirement. Dr. Seltzer was scheduled to retire June 30, 1974, and Dr. Stare's news regarding the extension is most welcome.

This extension, however, is conditioned upon a grant to the Fund for Research and Teaching. Support has already been provided (in the amount of \$42,500 annually) through June 30, 1974. The current request for support to carry Dr. Seltzer through June 30, 1975, is \$50,000. It is unlikely that Dr. Seltzer would be renewed for a second year, according to Dr. Stare, since second-year extensions "are seldom given."

Dr. Stare is pressing for an answer and we have discussed this matter fully with Dr. Gardner and Dr. Hockett, both of whom enthusiastically recommend that support be given.

I am confident that I need not recite Dr. Carl Seltzer's various contributions to epidemiology, heart disease research and the like, but will mention three specific observations: (1) an article by Dr. Seltzer published in Lancet approximately two years ago "triggered" over 50 letters, articles and comments related to smoking and health; (2) Dr. Seltzer has between 10 and 15 manuscripts underway at this time; and (3) he recently

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wrote letters on heart disease and British doctors which appeared in The New England Journal of Medicine (copies enclosed).

The grant requested by Dr. Stare is not the kind normally provided from the CTR budget since it is not oriented to any particular project. Financing for Dr. Seltzer in the past has been through a "special project" type grant.

Dave Hardy and I strongly recommend approval of the \$50,000 grant for Dr. Seltzer's work as a CTR special project.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,



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