

Special Project File - Dr Rao

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Re: L. G. S. Rao

By way of supplement to previous information concerning Dr. Rao, Dave Hardy has requested that I send you the enclosed material: Reprint from The Lancet, August 29, 1970; reprint from the British Medical Journal, December 4, 1971; article from The Guardian, January 29, 1972; March 10, 1972, Medical World News article; undated column by Lou Kemp; and curriculum vitae.

Dr. Rao is presently senior biochemist at the Glasgow and West of Scotland Regional Steroid Laboratory at the Royal Infirmary. His request for research funds amounting to about \$10,000 the first year and similar amounts in each of two succeeding years received a strong endorsement from Ed Jacob, Dave Hardy and me because of the potential value of Rao's belief that lung cancer may well be an endocrine disease. He submitted an application to the CTR for a ~~grant-in-aid~~ to do blood steroid level research that would determine whether or not such work correlated with his earlier observations as to levels in urine. The SAB has disapproved Rao's relatively modest proposal, but Dr. Sommers believes that Rao's basic approach is worthy for consideration as a special project.

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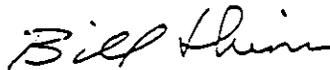
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Ed Jacob has met Dr. Rao and reports that he "is a personable, obviously highly intelligent and articulate scientist."

Dave has talked with several of you concerning this project and it is our understanding that support approval has been given by Brown & Williamson, Lorillard, Philip Morris and R. J. Reynolds. Dave may have also talked with Cy Hetsko and Fred Haas by the time you get this letter. In any event, if you have any further questions with regard to Rao's theory that steroid abnormalities may be "predictors" of lung cancer, we will be glad to try and answer them.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,



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