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Mr. A. E. Sloat

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Dr. Joseph H. Ogura

Dr. Ogura, an old acquaintance of mine as well as others in the industry, has asked for a Special Project grant in the sum of \$24,000 preparatory to a submission of a formal proposal on the effect of upper airway (nose, sinus) obstruction as a possible contributing factor to adverse changes in the lower airway (esophagus, lungs) which may represent initial phases of early chronic lung disease. His initial plan is to take smokers and nonsmokers in rural and urban areas and subject them to physiological airway function tests. He feels there is insufficient relevant data in studies to date to establish the first time whether or not there is a relationship between upper airway obstruction, environmental pollution and smoking and that his study could be of importance either proving or disproving whether tobacco usage has any such effect.

Ogura is the Head of the Department of Otolaryngology at Barnes Hospital, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri.

Ogura has been a helpful witness to us in cancer cases and is one of two persons on the Advisory Committee to the National Institutes of Health in the area of cancer who are leavening influences. Dave Hardy thinks it would be a foolish mistake not to support him in his request. Our share would be somewhere around \$1400.00.

If Ogura's feasibility study were to look promising, he would seek further funding at a somewhat larger figure but substantially well below \$100,000.

Dave Hardy would like to have an answer from us on or before July 15 and despite the fact that Ogura apparently did not utter a dissenting voice when the Lasker resolution was passed by the Advisory Committee some weeks ago, he is deemed a friendly person who confines his expertise to ear, nose and throat, and he has testified for the defense in several cancer cases in that area.

May I have your approval?

cc: Mr. J. H. Greer