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Re: Dr. Theodor D. Sterling

At a meeting with Dr. Sterling in New York last week, I learned that the National Academy of Sciences "might very well" consider Sterling's suggestion for a new look at the lung cancer problem (see the enclosed letter from Philip Handler, President).

Dr. Sterling is of the opinion that the interest expressed by the National Academy is extremely encouraging. He states, however, that he will need additional funds for consultants and reviewers so as to prepare a paper which could be used in presenting this matter to the National Academy. He is also of the opinion that presentation of a paper to the Executive Board of the American Statistical Association must be deferred until its November meeting and that more of his time than was anticipated will be required.

Dave and I believe that the increase in funding requested by Sterling should be provided. It amounts, in effect, to an additional \$12,800. You have already approved \$24,000 in funding and this would make the total \$36,800. A revised proposal is enclosed.

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General Counsel  
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You will be interested in the enclosed copy of a letter received by Sterling recently from Dr. W. A. Wallis, Chancellor, University of Rochester, and Chairman of the President's Commission on Federal Statistics. A copy of Sterling's letter to Nature regarding Hammond's refusal to release his data was sent to you on July 1, 1971.

The correspondence from Handler and Wallis is, of course, completely confidential.

Dr. Sterling has requested an early decision with respect to the additional funding.

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Enclosures

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