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Dr. Haas:

Re: CTR Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday,  
May 15, 1973, at 1:30 p.m., at CTR

A meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, at 1:30 p.m., at CTR. The meeting, apparently, according to Alex Holtzman, was called by Jack Roemer, Chairman of the Committee of Counsel, to discuss the following items:

1. Whether the various Research Directors should each write a disclaimer letter to Dr. Gori relative to their participation in the Tobacco Working Group. You were originally Chairman of the Committee to determine this, and when you became quite involved in other matters, Alex Holtzman was appointed as Committee Chairman. Alex, as Chairman, then requested Bill Shinn to write a pro forma reply which could be used by each of the Directors in the event a decision is made that a disclaimer letter should be sent.
2. Whether CTR should participate formally in the Tobacco Working Group. Alex Holtzman informs me that Dr. Rauscher of N.I.H. had mentioned to Dr. Sommers that CTR should consider participating in the Tobacco Working Group.
3. The autopsy study to be made by Dr. Carter of the Western Reserve University Medical School which is to be concerned with a retrospective review of autopsy, surgical pathology and clinical records covering a twenty-five year period from 1948 to 1973.
4. The Dr. Albert Szent-Gyorgyi Project which is involved with "retine". With regard to Item 3 above and this Item, I sent a confidential report to Mr. Mulligan and you on April 2, 1973 (copy attached). With regard to Item 3, the Carter Project, it is my understanding that this would cost approximately \$100,000 per year over a two-year period and that the Gyorgyi Project would cost approximately \$110,000 per year over a two-year period.

I have just discussed the two Projects with Alex Holtzman, and he advises me that Philip Morris is quite willing to support the Carter Project, but it has grave doubts about the Gyorgyi Project. Alex, pursuant to my suggestion, telephoned Drs. Lacey and Ackerman, and they advised that Dr. Gyorgyi, age-wise, was pretty well "over the hill", and although they felt the Project had merit, they both recognized that there is a "thin line between madness and genius". Dave Hardy, in a telephone conversation last week, advised me also that Dr. Sommers felt that Dr. Gyorgyi was "over the hill" age-wise, and that although support of the Project might have public relations advantages, he could see very little scientific merit to it.

I have checked my memorandum to Mr. Mulligan and you of April 2, 1973, and I find no comment with regard to approving either Project. Thus, it may be that you would want to discuss this matter

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Mr. Haas:

again with Mr. Mulligan. It is apparent that Philip Morris and Lorillard will reject the Gyorgyi Project, but will participate in the Carter Project.

With regard to Item 2, concerning whether CTR should participate in the Tobacco Working Group, Alex Holtzman advises me that he is very much against such participation. He further stated that Jack Roemer felt there might be some advantage in CTR participation.



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