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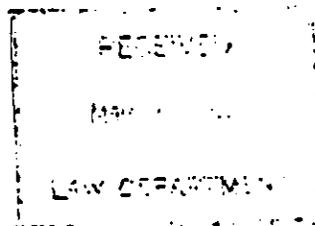
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Gentlemen:

We have received a request from Dr. Theodor Sterling to extend his current project through May of next year. Please find enclosed a copy of his estimated budget for 1980-81. As you will recall, one payment under this project is made to Dr. Theodor D. Sterling, Ltd. and the other to Simon Fraser University. The new budget calls for a payment of \$238,460.00 to Sterling and \$44,670.00, mostly for computer use and a programmer, to the University. The total funding for which we seek approval is \$283,130.00. (The 1977-1980 project expires June 30 and was funded at a level of about \$600,000.)

Dr. Sterling is presently quite busy in at least nine areas. These include: preparation of a review of health effects due to indoor combustion of organic material requested by the National Academy of Sciences; preparation of a paper to present to the American Lung Association on the possible relationship between occupation, smoking and lung disease; completion of work on familial disease among women whose husbands are exposed to irritating dusts and fumes; an investigation of the change in employment patterns of women since the 1930's; a study of smoking habits and employment patterns among blacks; completion of an analysis of errors in the Dorn/Kahn Study; analysis of the use of magnetic techniques to measure long-term lung clearance of

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particles in smokers and nonsmokers; and an examination of preliminary data from a study of indoor pollutants from gas stoves.

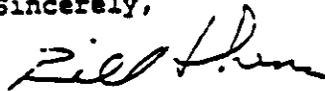
Dr. Sterling has continued to be helpful in frequent consultations about the smoking and health controversy. He testified at congressional hearings on public smoking in October, 1978; has given several technical papers at professional meetings recently; and has prepared a number of manuscripts, some of which have been published.

I recommend a year's extension and further recommend that the extension commence June 1 rather than July 1. I am convinced from what Dr. Sterling has told me that he has had unforeseen expenses (some of which I encouraged because of the sort of work he was proposing) and that starting the extension a month earlier is reasonable.

Dr. Sterling has asked that I let him know, if possible, by April 1 whether the project can continue as suggested. He has offered to prepare a detailed proposal for the extension, but I am not too concerned about this since we could continue under the old agreement. I do want him to prepare within the period of this extension, however, a detailed proposal that he has generally described as being even more appropriate to a better understanding of the smoking and health controversy.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,



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