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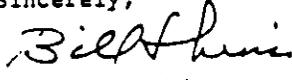
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Enclosed please find a progress report and research proposal from Dr. Sam Lehrer, a member of Dr. John Salvaggio's research team in New Orleans. The industry has supported the allergy work of the Salvaggio group via CTR Special Project for the last four years. The enclosed proposal for a fifth year requests funding in the amount of \$65,755.00.

The tobacco smoke allergy issue continues to be an important one for the industry. The research program at Tulane under Dr. Salvaggio has, in our opinion, made a significant contribution in this area as evidenced by numerous published reports. The research is now in the human experimental stage and a fifth year of funding would permit the researchers to expand their data base.

Tim Finnegan has discussed the proposal with Dr. Gardner and he is of the view that support should be continued. We recommend that the Lehrer proposal be approved for one year in the amount of \$65,755.00.

Your earliest response on this matter would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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