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Gentlemen:

The enclosed research proposal from Dr. William Gutstein of New York Medical College requests support in the amount of \$271,015 for two years. We recommend that the proposal be approved and funded as a CTR Special Project.

Dr. Gutstein is Professor of Pathology and Psychiatry at New York Medical College in Valhalla, New York. He is an experienced investigator and has published extensively in the heart disease field. Most of his recent animal research has dealt with the relationship between neural stimulation and atherogenesis. Dr. Gutstein hypothesizes that responses to psychosocial conditions (i.e., stress) lead eventually to coronary artery disease in susceptible individuals. A succinct summary of Dr. Gutstein's research hypothesis can be found on page 1 (Abstract) of the proposal. Also attached is a copy of a recent study conducted by Dr. Gutstein and colleagues that provides some of the experimental background of the present proposal.

It is our view that Dr. Gutstein and his colleagues have developed an important project to study objectively the question of whether stress and other psychosocial conditions are causally related to the occurrence of coronary artery disease. As a research pathologist who also holds a professional appointment in psychiatry, Dr. Gutstein seems particularly well qualified to perform the research.

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We have discussed the proposal with Dr. Sommers who believes that it represents interesting work and is worthy of support. Accordingly, we recommend that the proposal submitted by Dr. Gutstein be approved for two years as a CTR Special Project.

If possible, we would like to have your response by February 14, 1983.

Sincerely,



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