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TO LEGAL COUNSEL:

At the Annual Meeting of the American Cancer Society held at the Park Sheraton Hotel, New York City, November 1-4, 1955, Dr. Hammond delivered the attached report.

You will note that in this report all mention of heart disease or "other cancers" than lung cancer has been eliminated.

Note also that he has made a further study on the relationship between lung cancer death rates in rural and in urban areas, and his statistics show that lung cancer death rates in urban areas are higher than those found in rural areas.

The principal deviation from his past reporting lies in the fact that in this report he does not come to a definite conclusion that cigarette smoking is a causative factor in lung cancer.

Several individuals with whom I talked believe that Dr. Hammond is now planning to prove (?) that the individuals in his survey group who changed their smoking habits are less susceptible to lung cancer than is that section of the group that have continued to smoke exactly as they were smoking at the beginning of the survey.

The charts are not directly comparable to the charts in his previous reports since they are based on only the most recent 24 month period instead of the 32 month period prior to May of 1955.

Will you please place this in Volume V, under the section headed "Statistical Analysis", as pages 161-172.

Dr. Hammond's previous reports will be found in Volume I, Articles 2, 17 and 18; and in Volume V, Statistical Analysis, pages 74-92.

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