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Dear Francis:

The Public Health Service portions of the Hearings of the House Subcommittee on HEW Appropriations for 1968 are being mailed to you under separate cover. These volumes contain considerable information about the attitudes of public health officials on issues relating to smoking and health. They also include a number of reports discussing current PHS activities and proposed programs relating to tobacco.

The testimony and reports cover a wide range of pertinent topics such as the "safer cigarette" proposal, the National Clearinghouse for Smoking and Health, tobacco-related research projects in the National Cancer Institute and National Heart Institute and the projected research programs of the Division of Environmental Health Sciences. There are also interesting observations on matters such as the significance of "tar" and nicotine; the state of scientific knowledge about lung cancer, coronary heart disease, emphysema and bronchitis; "excess deaths" associated with smoking; suspects other than smoking; and the inability of doctors to relate any particular death to smoking.

For your convenience in locating material, there are attached herewith (1) a table listing topic heading under which material of interest will be found, and (2) an index by subject matter which will serve as a guide to some of the more important information in the testimony.

May I suggest that no public release of any kind be made of this material until after the House and Senate Conferences have

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acted, since these House Hearings touch on many tender issues and, therefore, could impair the chances of the House Conferees prevailing in the position they have taken in these hearings.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,



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