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Gentlemen:

For the past seven years, Dr. Domingo Aviado has received a special fund grant in support of his consulting activities in the smoking and health area. The amount of last year's grant was \$112,500 for professional time and expenses. We recommend that Dr. Aviado again be funded through a special account grant for 1987 in the amount of \$75,000, a one-third decrease from last year.

The reason we are recommending a decrease is that there is less of a need for consultant time in areas that are not directly related to litigation. Clearly, Dr. Aviado is still in a position to perform a variety of consulting activities that benefit the industry. During 1986, for example, his smoking and health projects included an ongoing review of relevant literature, with a major emphasis on the analysis of materials relating to environmental tobacco smoke. He also is reviewing the 1986 Surgeon General's Report on environmental tobacco smoke and is working with Don Hoel on the planning of scientific meetings relating to the nonsmoker issue.

Dr. Aviado continues his informal association with various regulatory bodies in the environmental health area. He also has helped to identify possible medical and scientific consultants for the current litigation. We expect Dr. Aviado to be available for consultation on important issues such as ingredients if such work is needed.

We have reviewed Dr. Aviado's activities for 1986 and feel that renewed support is warranted. We intend to review the new grant, if approved, at the end of this year to determine

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whether a similar consulting arrangement is advisable for 1988.
An early response to this recommendation would be appreciated.

Sincerely,



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