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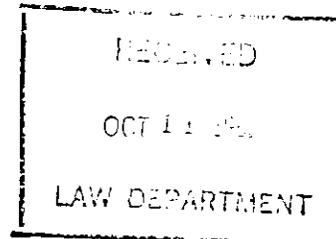
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Gentlemen:

Dr. Melvin First of Harvard University has submitted an informal research proposal involving experimental work in the environmental tobacco smoke area. We recommend that the pilot project be funded through Special Fund 4 in the amount of \$10,000.

Dr. First is Professor of Environmental Health and Engineering at the Harvard University School of Public Health. He is a well known authority in the area of atmospheric and environmental health science. Dr. First has informed us that he plans to participate in the upcoming Rylander Symposium in March, 1983.

Since 1975, when he coauthored a paper with Dr. William Hinds on the measurement of nicotine in public places, Dr. First has maintained an interest in the public smoking issue. He continues to believe that it is important to measure nicotine as an indicator of tobacco smoke presence. In this regard, he is critical of studies that use measurements of particulate matter (Repace and Lowry) and carbon monoxide (White and Froeb) to support conclusions about nonsmoker exposure to tobacco smoke in public places.

The proposed pilot project is explained further in the attached memorandum. Dr. First will be the primary investigator with assistance from atmospheric specialists at Harvard. He

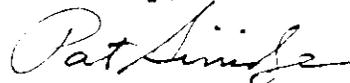
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estimates that the project can be completed in three months and hopes to include preliminary findings in his presentation at the Rylander Symposium.

We recommend that Dr. First's research proposal be approved and funded through Special Fund 4. Your earliest possible response would be appreciated.

Sincerely,



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