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Dear Sam:

At your request, I will outline for you several options for possible activity in the "public smoking" area. It would be my hope that we might review these suggestions in anticipation that they might be discussed during the upcoming meetings next week.

In last discussing a number of alternatives with Dr. Rylander, I concluded that three possible approaches offered the best opportunity for a successful outcome:

1. A small group of researchers with direct experience in both epidemiology and medical science could be assembled to consider the topic: "The Possible Contribution of Environmental Tobacco Smoke to Lung Cancer in the Nonsmoker." Dr. Rylander would chair this meeting which would convene at a time and place to be determined. Dr. Rylander is currently considering a number of experts in this area, including several who have corresponded with medical journals on this topic. At the present time, however, Dr. Rylander is not considering such researchers as Hirayama and Garfinkel. The symposiasts would discuss and prepare a document reviewing the medical evidence regarding this claimed association. A final paper, with Dr. Rylander as author, would be submitted for publication to a major medical journal, either in this country or Europe. A successful symposium of this type could be followed up with similar meetings to consider other topics relating to the nonsmoker issue.

2. As an alternative to this symposium, Dr. Rylander

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has suggested assembling a small, limited panel of scientists to discuss this topic and/or related issues. This review panel would consist of a number of Swedish scientists known by Dr. Rylander. After discussing the evidence, the group would review an article prepared by Dr. Rylander which would place the issue in scientific perspective. The resulting 10-12 page manuscript would be submitted to a major American medical journal, such as American Review of Respiratory Disease. This same group could subsequently consider related topics and produce similar review articles.

3. A similar but more international group of experts could be convened to review the evidence with Dr. Rylander and help prepare similar publications. This group could be expanded to include researchers known to be pursuing work in this area (e.g., Ernst Wynder).

Sam, these are only some of the alternatives that could be considered for work in this area. I have focused on these three because they seem to provide the greatest opportunity for success and, in addition, reflect suggestions made by several others who have considered this proposal. Budgets, time tables, etc. can be developed once we settle on an approach.

I would appreciate it if you would review these options and then telephone me so that we can discuss this matter.

Best regards.

Sincerely,



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