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Central File - Cancer Cases

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MEMORANDUM TO: Messrs. Chandler
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As you know, thought has been given to the development of a central file of cancer literature which would be helpful to counsel for all companies in defending claims against them, individually or collectively. This general idea has been the subject of prior memoranda.

Mr. Jacob obtained from the Academy of Medicine the names of several persons qualified to help us gather literature, index it by subject matter and by authors, as well as to give to counsel prompt advice with respect to articles of major interest.

Attached as Appendix A is a suggested type of subject matter index which could be used.

Attached as Appendix B is a report with respect to Miss Cahnman who we believe would be helpful to us. Others were either unavailable or not as well trained to suit our purposes.

Miss Cahnman is available at the rate of \$5500 a year and I think should be retained promptly. It is

our thought that she will need a stenographic assistant who can probably be hired at \$75 to \$80 a week, or perhaps less.

There is some space available on the 42nd Floor of 40 Wall Street now under lease to Webster Sheffield & Chrystie which, in the absence of a better suggestion, could be used by Miss Cahnman and her assistant to store and index the files. In addition, it seems wise to estimate that literature, files, supplies, photostats, etc. could amount to \$150 a month, or more. On this basis it would appear that the total expense per annum would be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$15,000. The proportionate share of each company involved should approximate \$2,500 a year. If approved I would suggest an initial contribution by each firm of \$1,500, although of course it could be handled on a monthly basis.

Despite the fact that a good deal of bibliographic material has already been assembled in Richmond under T.I.R.C., I believe it important that the future literature be collected and analyzed "under the wing" of counsel. I would appreciate an expression of approval or disapproval from each of you promptly, as we must start this file promptly if at all.

I may also add that a complete list of all literature by the experts who were to have testified for plaintiff

in the Lartigue case is being prepared from indices of the Chadbourne and Davis Polk firms, and that I shall propose that copies of all such literature be obtained in duplicate for the central file. Extra copies will, of course, be made available at cost to those firms which desire them.

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