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TO: Don Whorton  
FROM: Nancy Gordon  
DATE: June 12, 1995  
RE: CMA - VC data  
cc: Christian Seigneur

According to the paper you sent me titled "An Industry-Wide Epidemiologic Study of Vinyl Chloride Workers, 1942-1982," I am searching the four tapes for a master data set that contains 10,173 people. I did not find any file that matches this cohort. I spent 6 hours on this task (@ \$85/hr = \$510). I have tape scans, listings of the files, etc. available if you would like a copy for documentation purposes (several pages long). The following is a summary of what I found on the tapes:

Tape number 194  
Tape name UNICAR  
Create date 5/9/83  
Tape specs SL intid=kt5771  
Description Tape has one file that contains 6127 records which probably represents 1443 people. The file looks like a job history cms data file.

Tape number 153  
Tape name VINLY1  
Create date ?  
Tape specs NL  
Description This tape contains two files. The first one looks like a file EHA sent to NDI for vital status update. The second one looks like a job history file with 11126 records, probably representing 3577 people.

CMA 112669

Tape number 164  
Tape name NDI84  
Create date 7/30/84  
Tape specs SL intid=805231  
Description This tape contains the results of an NDI search.  
It has five files.

Tape number 163  
Tape name EHASSA  
Create date 7/20/84  
Tape specs SL  
Description This tape contains one file. It looks like a file  
EHA sent to NDI for vital status update.

The next steps in the process of locating the correct data file would be:

1. Look through the large blue binder that lists the projects and tape numbers, and try to identify which tapes might have the info. I'm not sure who has that binder now (perhaps you or Otto?).
2. Locate the identified tapes, bring them to UCB, load them and do tape scans.
3. Look at the files on the tapes and try to match one to the correct master data file (N=10,173).
4. If I locate the master file, put file onto CMS disk.
5. Read flat file into a SAS data set and mask some of the causes of death in order to comply with original agreements with some of the states.
6. Create a new sas or cms data set, and put it on disk or tape.

Please let me know what you would like me to do next.