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5. The plans for investigating a low-air-lead city from among those in the NASN must be developed gradually through exploration, recommendation of the next steps to the Subcommittee, approval, and carrying out. The first steps will be to obtain and analyze all the locally available information, especially from NASN. The following steps will probably be visits to one or more of the cities for further information.
6. Dr. Stoppe and Dr. Tepper have both examined existing material available to them for relationship between blood lead and hematocrit. None was found by correlation technique. If this holds up on further analysis, this item will be dropped from the protocol.
7. Dr. Stoppe indicated that they will be able to examine seasonal influence on blood lead levels and are prepared to do so. He will be able to report on this soon.
8. Now that the Subcommittee will be supervising the conduct of a study instead of planning one, its composition will require some changes as will its mode of action and frequency of meetings. In regard to composition, final decisions could not be made, in all cases. Dr. Horton will continue as a member and as chairman. Mr. Castrop will continue as a member. Due to reorganization API representation is uncertain at this time. Mr. Fowler will continue as LIA representative; they will have two other members Mr. Kesselberg and Dr. Pahnke. Drs. Ludwig and Blomquist will be consulted to see whether or not they wish to continue as members or be replaced.
9. The protocol for this study must in part have gradual development of its details. For this reason, the committee must have flexible methods of being informed of progress, receiving recommendations for action, making and communicating decisions, etc. Dr. Horton and Dr. Tepper will coordinate the study. Dr. Tepper will prepare monthly reports which will contain information on progress and on expectations. The Kettering staff will produce detailed proposals for the development of those portions of the protocol which are not established in advance. These will be submitted by Dr. Tepper to Dr. Horton either in a monthly report or separately. Dr. Horton will submit all proposals to the members of the subcommittee by the most expeditious means practical, and will obtain approval as quickly as possible. The simplest appropriate measures will be taken to arrive at decisions, but it is apparent that meetings, visits, etc., will sometimes be required.
10. A new complete protocol for the study as far as is now agreed upon should be constructed for various reasons, particularly for making the formal contracts. Drs. Horton and Tepper will attempt to produce a satisfactory document for approval.
11. The American Petroleum Institute, The Lead Industries Association and the Public Health Service will each contribute \$70,000.00 to the support of this contract. The actual contracting arrangements will be instituted and completed as soon as possible.