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Dear Eula:

The following items were discussed by the Carcinogenesis Research Panel on November 20, 1974 and we would like the opportunity to explore them further with you at my office on December 18, 1974:

1. Literature Review

It is expected that this effort will not only assist the Kettering staff but also the Research Panel in giving direction to the overall program. Therefore, we would like to arrange a procedure whereby copies of pertinent literature would be sent to API for distribution to and study by the Research Panel. Meetings of the Panel with the Researcher during the study would include both review of progress and discussions on the future of the program.

Although the literature review and preparation of a monograph will entail a year or more to complete, the Panel would like the opportunity to review progress on the monograph in its formative stages.

It is the current thinking that the monograph will be issued as an API publication and the authors will be encouraged to use it as the basis for a review article published in the scientific literature.

2. Experimental Studies

Arrangements for the preparation, characterization, and storage of the petroleum fractions are near completion. It is planned that the fractions be retained within an industry laboratory where strict attention will be paid to safety and stability during storage. Adequate; representative aliquots will be delivered to the specific contractors for carcinogenic screening and analysis.

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Additional aliquots will be made available in case of spills, for supplemental testing, etc, at the discretion of the Panel. A best estimate of the requirements for the bioassays, therefore, is needed.

The Panel would like to discuss and outline in detail the specific histopathology to be performed including the animals to receive post mortem examination and examination of site of application. Confirmation of all tumors should be made.

3. Administrative

The type and frequency of progress reports and the location and frequency of meetings should also be discussed and agreed upon.

It is the desire of the Panel and I am certain even more so, you, that we resolve all experimental design and administrative questions pertinent to the negotiation of a contract on December 18th.

On the basis of our discussions, I hope to be able to prepare a contract and submit it to our attorneys for processing before the end of the week.

Sincerely,



James M. McNerney

JMM/p
cc: Carcinogenesis Research Panel
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