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General Headquarters
August 17, 1950

G. K. Foster - Montreal

Cancer Research

Please excuse the delay in commenting on your letter of July 28, which was due to my inability to find a former letter which set up in preliminary fashion the idea that was to be followed.

Attached is a copy of a letter of June 19 from Dr. K. W. Smith to C. M. McCaw, which I am sending to you inasmuch as it appears that you did not receive a copy. This was Dr. Smith's suggestion as to the setting up of the program, and you will note he was to receive from Dr. Norwald and from Dr. Lanza separate suggested programs on the basis of which recommendations would ultimately be made to the C. A. M. A. Dr. Smith may have additional information since he wrote this letter.

I expect to see Dr. Lanza in a day or two and will ask him what he knows about it as of this time, and will pass on to you any information I may get.

We should like to be kept in touch with the developments and should hope we could have it reviewed with Dr. Lanza before a program is undertaken, provided that is considered the proper approach in the matter.

You mentioned that we are to bear a considerable portion of the expense, and inasmuch as Dr. Lanza is advising with us on such problems, I think it would be helpful if we could have his advice.

I have not discussed this with Mr. Fisher recently, but I believe his viewpoint is the same as that I have expressed here.

J. P. Woodard

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cc: A. R. Fisher

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General Headquarters
August 21, 1950

G. K. Foster - Montreal

Cancer Research

With my letter of August 17, replying to yours of July 28, I sent you a copy of Dr. Smith's memo of June 19 to C. M. McGaw.

In his letter, Dr. Smith mentioned that Dr. Lanza and his group would prepare a program for experimental studies, and that Dr. Vorwald at Saranac would do likewise. Upon receipt of the two programs, it was stated that he and Dr. Cartier would then be in a position to make recommendations that might guide the Q. A. M. A. It was understood that information would be supplied us here about the subject, too.

I have since seen Dr. Lanza, who apparently has not yet sent in his suggested program, and he doesn't know whether Saranac has. He is going to Saranac to a meeting of the Board of Directors within the next few days and will have the opportunity to discuss the matter with Dr. Vorwald.

When A. R. and I discussed this today, he mentioned that there may or may not have been time for a study of the programs to have been made so that a definite recommendation as to what should be done might be made, but you could at least report progress at this time in case it hasn't yet reached that stage.

Perhaps Dr. Smith has further information that I don't know of, and since he is getting a copy of this memo, he can pass on to you any other information that he may have now.

J. P. Woodard

cc: A. R. Fisher
K. W. Smith, M. D., Asbestos
C. M. McGaw, Asbestos
A. J. Lanza, M. D.

AJL: The meeting of the Q. A. M. A. is to be about September 20th. I judge your suggested program can be sent in shortly from what you said here the other day.

JPW

These studies can be considered as indispensable preliminaries to any inhalation study planned on the same material, since they might very well provide a basis for selection of materials for use in the more elaborate inhalation studies. These the Institute could get under way any time after September 1st.

Such studies would involve exploratory implantation and/or injection of a group of materials to be determined jointly, using technics as now employed by Dr. William E. Smith. Such a study, which would include a number of materials, would come to about $10,000.00 for a one year study. Such a project would be carried out under a contract of the type enclosed.

In summary: (1) We suggest that the desirability of an epidemiological study be determined on the basis of a visit to your plants; (2) that definite plans for an inhalation study be deferred for three or four months; (3) that screening studies by implantation and/or injection be started immediately.

Sincerely yours,

A.J. Lanza, M.D.
Chairman
Institute of Industrial Medicine

AJL:lc
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C.C.: Mr. J. P. Woodard

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Hospital
August 31, 1950

C. M. McGaw

Pulmonary Malignancy

I am enclosing copies of a letter and contract received from Dr. Lanza. It will be noted that Dr. Lanza has agreed with Dr. Cartier and I that the program should consist of two parts:-

1 - An epidemiological or statistical study
2 - Animal experiments consisting of:
    (a) Inhalation experiments
    (b) Implantation or injection

I still believe that the statistical study can be carried out by a Canadian authority and thus be more acceptable to various groups in this Province. Also, I believe that the best results from inhalation studies will be obtained through the Saranac Laboratory.

Concerning the Implantation Experiment Program proposed by Dr. Lanza, I believe that their methods are sound and the results will be scientifcally interesting. I would prefer to make no decision until the Saranac proposal is received.

The contract appears to leave little choice to the Donor if the results of the study are unfavorable to Company interests and are submitted for publication. However, I fail to see how they can find anything more unfavorable than that which already has been published by Merewether and Heuper.

KWS/h.n.

Kenneth W. Smith, M.D.

CC - K. V. Lindell
G. K. Foster - Montreal

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September 1, 1950

A. R. Fisher

Industrial Hygiene - Asbestos
Asbestos and Lung Cancer

Dr. Cartier and Dr. Smith were here in New York several months ago and were later in Saranac discussing with Dr. Lanza and with Dr. Vorwald the matter of the proper program that would determine whether asbestos produces lung cancer.

Dr. Lanza was to suggest to Dr. Cartier and Dr. Smith what he thought would be the best approach, and Dr. Vorwald was to do the same. It was later to be determined what program would be undertaken.

Attached is my copy of the report made by Dr. Lanza to the two doctors.

After you have had a chance to review this report, would you please send it to Hugh Jackson, who can, in turn, give it to me.

J. P. Woodard

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cc: H. M. Jackson

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Hospital
September 25, 1950

C. M. McCaw

Pulmonary Malignancy

Dr. Paul Cartier and I went to Saranac last Thursday night; on Friday we discussed this whole program and the Saranac Laboratory proposal with Dr. Vorwald. Saturday morning we went to Montreal and presented the Saranac proposal and our recommendations to G. K. Foster.

It is our belief that two lines of research should be followed. The first is the statistical study previously mentioned. We believe that this should be carried out by a Canadian, possibly with the help of some recognized United States statistician. Dr. O. H. Warwick, Director of the National Cancer Institute of Canada is a personal friend of mine and I have contacted him asking for his views and possible help in this statistical survey. Dr. Cartier and I are to meet Dr. Warwick in Montreal or here in Asbestos early in October.

The second line of research recommended was the institution of animal inhalation experiments at Saranac, the results to be coordinated with all the pathological, experimental, clinical, radiological and engineering information available in Saranac. The Trudeau Foundation has just received a grant for cancer research and are conducting inhalation experiments with aluminum, silica, iron and beryllium. If the asbestos experiments are approved, they will form a fifth part of this program of lung cancer caused by inhaled dusts.

Mr. Foster plans to summarize the programs and make his recommendations to the Q.A.M.A. at the October meeting.

Kenneth W. Smith, M.D.

KWS/h.n.

cc - K. V. Lindell

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KWS/h.n.

Kenneth W. Smith, M.D.

cc - K. V. Lindell

(Copy to A.J. Lanza & HMJ: 10/9/50)

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October 6, 1950

Dr. A. J. Lanza
Institute of Industrial Medicine
New York University-Bellevue Medical Center
477 First Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Tony:

Attached is a proposal prepared by Saranac on the investigation of "Asbestosis and Pulmonary Cancer," which came to me along with the attached letter of October 4 from Art Vorwald.

Before I do anything further about this, I wonder if you will review it and give me your thoughts.

I'll be away next week on a much-needed vacation and, when I get back, hope to hear also from you about your trip to Waukegan.

Yours sincerely,

J. P. Woodard

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bc: H. M. Jackson

Noted by AJL & returned to HMJ - 10/11/50
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Take to Asbestos

October 9, 1950

Dr. A. J. Lanza
Institute of Industrial Medicine
N. Y. U.-Bellevue Medical Center
477 First Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Tony:

Attached, for your information, is a copy of Dr. K. W. Smith's letter of September 25 to Mr. C. M. McCaw, subject "Pulmonary Malignancy."

Yours sincerely,

J. P. Woodard

Enclosure

bc: H. M. Jackson (enc)

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October 20, 1950

A. R. Fisher

Asbestos and Pulmonary Cancer

Here is the copy of the Proposal dated September 21, 1950, that Dr. Vorwald sent to me. Attached also is George Foster's report to the Q. A. M. A., dated September 25, 1950, which he had sent to you.

The main points were covered when you, Dr. Lanza, and I discussed this yesterday and I have made marginal notes in both booklets that may be of interest to you. Some items were:

(1) Make the best possible epidemiological study by personnel well qualified in this field. Desirable to have this precede Saranac dust studies if possible, but not necessary. (Dr. Lanza says Dr. E. K. Hammond is known to be good.)

(2) It might be well to have estimates on years beyond the first and second since Saranac estimates the possibility of a five-year program. Doubtless these years would not be any more expensive than the second year at $10,000.

(3) Under Item 15, page 11, in the Saranac Proposal, there is the usual stipulation about publication of the results. This appears to be all right, but it would be desirable if representatives from Saranac would not make talks before groups bringing out information about the investigation that is not yet ready for publication. As you will recall, this has been done in the past and possibly cannot be prevented.

As to Mr. Foster's report, it seems to me that the idea of putting out truthful counter-propaganda is a good one in order to counteract some of the wild statements made on the other side. I presume, when he speaks of having our doctors lecture at medical schools, that this would be only on certain occasions and not so frequently as to interfere with our normal business.

Dr. Lanza agreed with my thought that we would do well to avoid forming an institute for industrial chest diseases with other mining associations for the obvious reason that we have relatively minor problems and might become identified with some very serious problems in the industry in general where workmen are dying of silicosis, siderosis, and other ailments of this kind.

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J. P. Woodard

bcc- H. M. Jackson

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October 20, 1950

Dr. A. J. Vorwald, Director
The Saranac Laboratory
P. O. Box 551
Saranac Lake, New York

Dear Art:

Thanks for sending me a copy of the proposed program for the investigation of "Asbestos and Pulmonary Cancer," which came, while I was away, with your letter of October 4.

This subject is being given much thought, not only by ourselves, but, as you know, by the other members of the industry. Doubtless Dr. Smith or Dr. Cartier has told you that this is to be discussed with the group as a whole.

I believe there will be decisions looking toward the inauguration of a program in the very near future.

Yours sincerely,

J. P. Woodard

bc: A. R. Fisher