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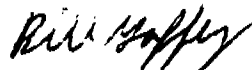
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Dear Has:

I recently received the enclosed letters from Brian Bennett, including a letter from Sir Richard Doll about discrepancies between the ASL Registry and the EHA vinyl chloride study. I sent him the enclosed reply, together with a copy of my September 1988 letter to you. It looks as if we are all in agreement about the need to pursue the pathological confirmation of the EHA liver and biliary cancer deaths.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Bill,

ASL REGISTER - APPARENT DISCREPANCIES

I have just received this letter from Sir Richard Doll.

We appear to have mis-interpreted his original letter, although I do agree that it was written in a very confusing manner, and everybody to whom I have shown it drew the same conclusions as we did as to what information he was seeking.

In view of this latest letter, I would very much appreciate your advice in helping to clarify the situation to Sir Richard's satisfaction.

With thanks in anticipation of your help, and with all good wishes for the Festive Season.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

Bennett

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Dear Brian,

ASL Register - Apparent Discrepancies

I'm sorry its been such a long time since you wrote with the detailed information about some of the angiosarcoma cases in which we are interested. On reading your letter it was immediately clear that there had been some confusion and I am afraid I put it aside until I had some spare time to sort it out. Now I have done so and sadly the explanation is only too clear - you have given me the information about numbered cases in the register, when what I wanted was information about cases with the specified numbers in the CMA report Table 17.

In fact I had all the information on your enclosed list (dated 21 October 1988) and agreed with all of it except the following:

CMA Wong no.	ASL Register Your list	My preferred match
28	9	17
31	32	29

What I wanted to know was why CMA Wong numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 24, 29, 30, 32, 33, and 34 were not in your ASL register.

Of the above only 7 is referred to as an angiosarcoma by Wong. No. 9 might possibly be your ASL no. 32 but the match is not very good.

What I want to know is:

(i) why was Wong no. 7 not in your register?

(ii) can you get any evidence about the diagnoses of the other cases? Either we have to conclude that there is a suggestion of an excess of hepatocarcinoma of the liver from VC (14 deaths against 6 expected) or that the number of angiosarcoma cases has been underestimated. The latter seems to me more likely. But before writing a further report on our prediction of the number of deaths to be expected from angiosarcoma we must find out the answers to my two questions above.

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