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Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of November 19, the views of the Medical Advisory Committee membership on the report and recommendations of the Working Group are transmitted for your consideration, as follows:

1. That portion of the report, as well as the first recommendation, dealing with the epidemiological phase of the Kettering project constitutes encouraging support to recommendations which have been considered and advocated repeatedly by the committee. The members need and welcome the assistance of refining executives in the compilation of adequate standardized records for the petroleum industry.
2. The balance of the report and the recommendation for an investigation of the epidemiology of cancer in other industries lack definition necessary for a critical review; however, in principle, the members deem it unwise for the American Petroleum Institute to initiate such a project. It seems unnecessary to recite the many difficult problems incidental to such an undertaking.

For your information, the members of the Subcommittee on Carcinogenicity of the Medical Advisory Committee, by letter ballot in September 1952, expressed considerable doubt as to the wisdom of extending to employees of customers the epidemiological studies of cancer by the Kettering Laboratory under the sponsorship of the American Petroleum Institute.

On behalf of members of the Medical Advisory Committee, I express my sincere appreciation for the interest shown by members of the Study Committee and its Working Group in this subject.

Very truly yours,



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cc: To Members
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