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TO: Ron Egedahl, M.D.
FROM: Geary Olsen

I have enclosed some prepared remarks on SMRs and confidence intervals that I gave to the employees of the Louisiana Division when I gave the results of their General Mortality Survey last year. I tried to state them in the simplest terms possible. An extra copy is provided for Dr. Arnold.

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TO: Ron Egedahl, M.D.
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Enclosed please find two copies of the General Mortality Survey. The major changes include: 1) the abstract (an extra sentence in the middle of the abstract has been added which discusses the latency analysis), 2) the addition of a new latency analysis table (Table 3) and the removal of the last table from the previous draft and Figure 1 since these are better handled in the latency analysis, and 3) changes in the text on pages 7 and 8 which refer to the latency analysis. In the discussion section (page 8) the text is more "opinionated" than before. It states that the very low mortality observed (especially cancer) is probably a result of more than what could be expected because of the healthy worker effect since the latency analysis SMRs are even lower than when the entire follow-up period was considered. Ralph Cook has given his o.k. to the changes. I have given a copy for Dr. Lanham to review again and one to Joe LeBeau for his final administrative signature.

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