

Meeting of Members, October 20, 1965

Mr. Davison asked Dr. deTreville to describe the present status of financial support of the Emphysema Research Program.

Dr. deTreville indicated that expressions of interest had been received from several industrial associations which had been invited to a research planning meeting during the summer and from most recent reports, it appears that probability of financial support is reasonably good in the cases of the Automobile Manufacturers Association, American Petroleum Institute, American Iron and Steel Institute, and Manufacturing Chemists' Association. Word is being awaited from the National Coal Association and American Gas Association, but we have no present indication of degree of interest in the Foundation's project. The National Association of Manufacturers expressed interest but advised that it has never undertaken such research support and is not able to do so in this instance. As a result of discussions following the summer Emphysema Research Planning Meeting, proposals to share in the sponsorship of this research have been extended to the Aerospace and Pulp and Paper industries; both report that they have referred the matter for study, but as yet, no further word has been received. As a result of suggestions made by the American Petroleum Institute and Manufacturing Chemists' Association, Dr. Gross has modified his protocol to include industrial materials of special interest not originally included.

The total cost of the two-year research project is \$120,000 or \$60,000 per year, and industrial associations acting as sponsors are being asked to share equally at an estimated cost of \$10,000 per year. From early indications it is believed that this amount, and the spreading of the expense over a broad base in industry are likely to receive favorable consideration. By such an arrangement, an industrial association can, for \$10,000 per year, help produce \$120,000 of research results of timely value to its members, procuring for them all benefits of sponsorship, including participation in the design of the experiment, for example, as mentioned.

In spite of the Foundation's best efforts, however, probability of full support by January 1, 1966 is still only about 50%. Work cannot begin until assurance of adequate support is received, so an attempt is being made to expedite commitments from sponsors. Because of the importance of the results of Dr. Gross' work to industry, Dr. deTreville indicated that he is making every effort to develop full support from non-governmental sources.

(Addendum: At a meeting of the Foundation's Board of Trustees on December 30, 1965, in view of receipt of firm commitments from the American Iron and Steel Institute, American Petroleum Institute, Automobile Manufacturers Association, and Manufacturing Chemists' Association, the decision was made, (and later approved by the full Board by mail), that Dr. Gross should proceed with his research on emphysema without awaiting full sponsorship of the project. Based upon advanced dues payments for 1966 prior to the end of the year, it appears that the budget will break even in 1966, even if no further support of the Emphysema Research Program is received. From preliminary discussions, however, it appears that at least \$50,000 and possibly the full \$60,000 will be forthcoming later in the year. If such additional support materializes, the budget will show a healthy swing into the black for the first time in four years.)