

June 30, 1936

Mr. H. R. Bassford
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Dear Mr. Bassford:

In reply to your letter of June 22nd concerning Table 5, I think I can best give you the information by telling you precisely how it was collected. As I told you in my previous letter, we now examine these men once a year. The interval might be ten months or it might be fourteen, but it is approximately a year between examinations. Thus a man who has been employed at this work for nine years for the purpose of our records will have had an initial examination and nine subsequent examinations. He will thus have had nine years of exposure, plus or minus a few months. This same criterion can be applied to the other groups as they are listed in Table 5, with the exception that one year or less includes all the men who had had an initial examination some months prior to the study of our records. Thus this group may have anything from two or three months of exposure up to one year, plus or minus two months.

It is, of course, our usual practice to set up a distribution with precisely limited dates. This was not done in this instance because of the factor of variation of plus or minus two or three months.

I trust this will make the data entirely clear.

In order to supply you with the finished data and with the text as finally corrected, I am sending you herewith a copy of the printed article.

Very truly yours,

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