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Re: Asbestosis and Lung Cancer Survey

Dear Dan:

Many thanks for sending me a copy of your proposed study. You know how happy I am to note that you feel there is sufficient data on which to base a good survey which can give valid results. I can see no reason why the J.M.A. should not approve this proposal. I shall write to Dr. Lehmann and if I hear anything from them will, of course, let you know immediately.

In case four of your proposal you have suggested selecting a group of men who entered the asbestos industry from ten to twenty years ago. This should be a significant group. I had one further thought on this subject which might be worth considering. Inasmuch as Thetford and Asbestos are isolated one-industry towns, most of the workers live in or around the town after they retire from the industry. Therefore, it might be possible to follow up a fairly large group of people who entered the industry more than twenty years ago. I assume that you would need as large a group as possible of those who have had long exposure to the dust and it might be possible to have those with more than twenty years of employment.

The suggested fee for this study seems reasonable. I note, however, that you have suggested no possible starting date if the program is approved nor is there any indication of the length of time you think it might take to complete the study. Would it be possible to give an estimate on these times?

Sincerely yours,

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