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VCM EPIDEMIOLOGICAL REVIEW

Last Thursday, 16 May, I met with Sir Richard Doll at Oxford, in order to discuss with him his performing a critical review of all the VCM literature with reference to both carcinogenicity, mutagenicity, and all other health effects associated with VCM.

During my discussion, we both decided on a protocol, which is as follows :-

'Numerous studies of the health status and mortality of workers in the vinyl chloride monomer/polyvinyl chloride industry have been reported. It is the intent of this review to examine these reports, in order to determine their strengths and weaknesses, to look for consistencies and inconsistencies between them, and to draw conclusions about the existence or non-existence of the various occupational hazards, from consideration of the total available evidence.

It is intended that the results of the review will be made public, and will be published in the Scientific Literature in the normal way'.

I then asked Sir Richard when he expected the task to be completed, and he felt it would be March 1986. This is due to the fact that he is greatly in demand, and has taken on other tasks since I first approached him. At present, he is performing a study on Spanish toxic oils.

After he has completed the project, it has been agreed that six people would review it for him, prior to its release, and it was suggested that perhaps it could be reviewed by individuals such as Julian Peto, Geoff Paddle and Ted Torkelson.

I have also agreed that, at the end of the day, I will apportion the cost of £15,000 (plus any expenses, which I expect to be minimal), between the various participants who have agreed to meet the cost.

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As you know, Sir Richard and myself have written a Paper on the ASL Register, making projections of total numbers of cases, due to VCM, that we expect to occur in the world.

We have agreed that the ASL Paper, which has gone for publication, should be reviewed in five years', in order to see how correct the forecast is.

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