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Dr. Arthur Vorwald.
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Dear Arthur, Re: Cancer

Confirming our conference of yesterday, it will be of help if you can present the program you have in mind sometime next week, so that I be in a position to carry the ball further. As stated, I would appreciate your views on so-called short-cut parallel program; a detailed program mentioning time duration and cost is desired.

As stated, reference has been made to the advisability of conducting some epidemiological survey at a not too distant period and some are prone to accept the idea. However, I have endeavoured to have all refrain from giving this consideration until such time as the general program has been considered, and particularly until the control head of the program has studied the plan and has advised. This does not mean, however that opinion shall prevail.

As you know, my relationship with Trudeau goes back to the very beginning of the last decade, through which I have, as Counsel for some Asbestos producers here, done my best to propound the proper scientific views in our occupational diseases field. The Asbestosis-Tuberculosis field has been much cleared and, in this respect, Dr. Gardner, yourself his successor and the staff of Trudeau have helped so immensely.

On the Cancer front, which we are now facing, little is known it seems outside of some phases of its mechanism and destroying power, whereas when we took Asbestosis-Tuberculosis, much more was known of Tuberculosis. Therefore, we feel we must be more than careful in going into the implementing of a program which would allow us to successfully offset our problem in the light of actual experience and what is known of truth in that very field.

Our problem, to a large extent, is socio-economic in the sense that it is largely one of labour where, unfortunately, health and its relationship to the occupation is misconstrued due to ignorance and sometimes prejudice, with the help of skilled men of the mind in various professions, who do not take the time nor spend the necessary effort to seek truth and properly advise.

I have endeavoured yesterday to give you and George as general a picture as I could at this stage, as I felt it could not conveniently be done by correspondence nor by telephone. I do wish this long-winded letter will not have taken too much of your valuable time and that I may again ask to be apologized for having run into you all yesterday ex abrupto, practically without notice (just another of Sabourin's shortcomings).

Cordially,

Ivan Sabourin

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CC: Dr. George Wright