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Dear Dr. Phair:

Some time ago we had a discussion regarding an epidemiologic study of lung cancer in coal tar workers which the Coal Tar Study Commission was undertaking. Because of the greatly increased interest in the effect of environmental factors and the etiology of lung cancer, especially in California, I would like to know whether the above study is still going on and what information this study has produced.

Do you know if there have been any epidemiologic studies of lung cancer on general populations living in proximity to coke ovens or similar industrial exposures? Would you have any comments to make concerning the feasibility of such a study here in Fontana where there have been coke ovens in operation for a period of seventeen years?

My inquiry is not based on any particular local agitation, but because of the general publicity given to air pollution and its relationship to lung cancer, particularly in the Los Angeles area, I feel it is only a matter of time before someone may point a finger at our coke manufacturing and coke by-products operation.

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