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Saranac Cancer Research for C. A. M. A.

You, Dr. Smith, and I reviewed the status of the proposed Saranac program which was covered in the minutes of the meeting at Saranac on November 7, 1950.

Our discussion was to determine in what way the program is now being carried out or is to be carried out. While it is understood, of course, that this is a C. A. M. A. project under the auspices of the C. A. M. A., we, as a company, are very much interested.

Dr. Smith mentioned that the present plan, which is in keeping with the decision arrived at in Saranac, is:

(1) Dr. Smith and Dr. Gartier will review the X-rays on hand of past and present employees. Dr. Smith mentioned that he had already looked over about 7,000 and hoped to finish the job in about two months. Any X-rays found that show the presence of carcinoma of the lungs would then be reviewed, along with the history in each case, with Saranac.

It is Dr. Smith's thought that, should the many thousands of X-rays at Asbestos and the many thousands at Thetford show no carcinoma, we may then avoid the necessity of making an epidemiological survey.

This would conclude the so-called short-range program agreed upon at Saranac.

(2) In connection with the long-range program, it was agreed that Saranac would conduct certain tests with animals. I presume Saranac already has set this program up for the C. A. M. A.

Dr. Smith thought there should be a brief interim report on the progress of this work inasmuch as Saranac had agreed to provide a progress report each four months. Dr. Smith doubtless will follow up Saranac on this interim report or will have the appropriate person in the C. A. M. A. do so.

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