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Public Health Task Force

**Survey of Causes of Death of Retirees and
Group Life Participants**

Hugh Jackson and Dr. K. W. Smith have developed an approach to gathering the data required for this study. In addition to the clerical work involved, it will call for the review and analysis of 4,500 to 5,000 death certificates by Dr. Smith to determine the primary and related causes of death. The data will be put on IBM cards to facilitate the detailed analysis.

We have reviewed this program with the Data Processing people and it is our estimate that the cost for clerical work, punch card preparation and analysis will be \$6,000. Because of the heavy time involvement of Dr. Smith, we would anticipate the job will be completed by January 15, 1967.

**Publications Referring to the Incidence of Cancer to
Asbestos in J-M or Related Operations**

Dr. Smith has indicated he will have the papers related to J-M experiences and those of Dr. Paul Cartier, of Thetford Mines, assembled by August 1.

Dr. A. J. Vorwald, Wayne University, Detroit

Dr. Smith met with Dr. Vorwald last week and reviewed his air sampling program. A large volume of sampler tube has been placed over a heavily-trafficked intersection for several years. Several varieties of animals have been exposed to the air collected from this source, but Dr. Vorwald's research has not included an analysis for asbestos or asbestos bodies in the collected air or in the animal tissues. Such an analysis can be undertaken, however, and Dr. Vorwald will submit a research proposal for our consideration. The proposal should be received by August 1.

National Insulation Manufacturers Association

Dr. Smith has assumed the chairmanship of the Safety and Health Committee of this Association, the next meeting of which will be held in Pittsburgh on July 20. The Committee is presently developing a program of action, correlating it with the Air Duct Committee of Association.

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Details of the Committee's program for health research and customer education should be available after the meeting on July 20.

Industrial Hygiene Foundation Prospectus

Attached is a proposal from the Industrial Hygiene Foundation to study the biologic effects of asbestos fiber, fibrous glass and related fibrous materials.

Of the several companies who have become interested in this research project, Pittsburgh Plate Glass and Pittsburgh Corning have already signed their agreements with the Foundation. Owens-Corning Fiberglass, W. S. Mather, and Certain-Food Products have indicated their intent to participate, but are waiting our decision before signing the agreements.

Dr. Smith met last week with Dr. E. J. Crailley, of the U. S. Public Health Service, Dr. A. J. Vorwald, of Wayne University, Detroit, and Dr. George Wright, of Cleveland, to determine whether any of their studies might be duplicating the proposed Industrial Hygiene Foundation research. He reports that there is no duplication.

As indicated on the attached summary, our portion of the cooperative research project would be \$20,000 per year for three years, and \$10,000 for the fourth year.

Hugh Jackson, Dr. Smith and I will be glad to discuss these activities in greater detail.

We recommend that we proceed with each of the activities outlined, and with your concurrence, we will prepare budget additions for the expenditures involved in the survey of causes of death of retirees and Group Life participants, and the Industrial Hygiene Foundation prospectus.

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