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Ms. Alma Filden
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Dear Ms. Filden,

Ms. Pat Strait advised me that you require information concerning our request to review the records of five former B.F. Goodrich employees who died of lung cancer and to obtain similar data on ten matched controls who also died of lung cancer.

In 1974, the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta carried out a retrospective cohort mortality study as part of its study of the vinyl chloride-angiosarcoma problem existing at the B.F. Goodrich Chemical Company. At that time, a pathology review was undertaken for all lung cancer cases identified at the plant and for a group of matched hospital control cases of lung cancer, with particular attention to histologic typing. Their analysis suggested a paucity of epidermoid and an excess of large cell undifferentiated carcinoma among the B.F. Goodrich employees. I now wish to obtain data on the seven cases of lung cancer which have occurred subsequent to this study; five of whom were patients at St. Anthony's Hospital. The present request is for a review of records only and not for a review of pathology specimens. It is possible that a review of pathology specimens will be requested at a later date.

In response to your specific questions:

1) Type of study: This is a matched case-control study of histologic classification of lung cancer.

2) Purpose of study: The purpose is to determine if large cell undifferentiated carcinoma occurs more commonly in former B.F. Goodrich employees than in matched controls.

3) How findings are to be used: Positive findings would lead to further analysis in an attempt to determine the exploration for this finding.

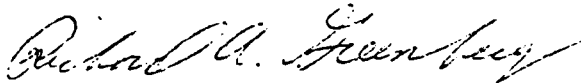
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4) Only statistical summaries would be available; absolute individual confidentiality would be maintained.

If you require any further information, my office telephone is 588-6181.

Sincerely,



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