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I have been smoking cigarettes for the past 14 years. During the first 5 or 6 years, there were no known pulmonary effects, but following that period I developed cough, especially prominent each AM accompanied by moderate expectoration.

Thropharyngeal irritation has never been a prominent problem.

Approximately 5 months ago I discarded the active cigarettes & started smoking "Kents". Since that time I have not been troubled with cough, and the morning expectoration has decreased considerably.

I must say that it required several months of smoking "Kents" to actually become accustomed to the taste of a cigarette. The objection that I have is the metallic taste which exists in the mouth following the excessive (more than 30) smoking of Kent.

The other concern I have had is the effect of the asbestos which is used in the filter. There have been unofficial reports of cases of asbestosis found in people smoking "Kents", and said to be solely a result of such smoking.

I have no known pulmonary, nasal or sinus disease either acute or chronic.

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As an individual the study conducted is of value, but I feel that as a usable lifetime survey, as a

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valid study in a group of people it is not scientifically valid, for it depends upon subjective reports which may be psychologically tinged.

The subjects used were not absolutely sure that they did not have sinus membrane or pulmonary chronic disease before evaluating the effect of "Kents" or any other cigarette.

I feel that as an individual "Kent" serves my purpose best, but I would like to see a scientific investigation of the effects of the asbestos contained in the filter.

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