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Dear Ken:

I was very glad to learn from your letter of March 28 that our proposal for a study of the problem in Quebec met with your approval. I appreciate your suggestion that it may be possible to follow a fairly large group of employees for more than the 20 years I suggested. The greater number of people that can be included, and the longer the time over which they can be studied, the more accurate the deductions can be.

With regard to the starting date which I failed to include, I was possibly hedging a little until I was in a better position to estimate my schedule. At the time the proposal was made, there was the possibility of your own medical survey and we were anticipating the study for the Textile Institute which we knew might have some areas of contiguity with the Quebec study. Since our meeting last week with Hugh and Mr. Holmes, I have a better idea of the latter and Hugh tells me that the medical survey for J-M would most likely give precedence to the lung cancer study. With this in mind, I believe we could anticipate starting the study by the latter part of May. If it is approved. So far as I am able to say at this time, it will likely require the greater part of a year to collect and analyze the data and a few months more to prepare the report.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

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