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Dear Mr. Scheffers:

This is in reply to your letter of 24 June, 1983 in which you ask for the distribution of the located versus the unlocated members of the VC cohort, based on hire-years. Fortunately, I had a table in my study notes from which I could extract the figures:

Year of hire	Number Total	Traced	Per cent traced
Pre-1940	397	377	94.96
1940-1949	2,587	2,407	93.04
1950-1959	2,918	2,746	94.11
1960-1969	3,651	3,529	96.66
1970-1971	620	618	99.68
TOTAL	10,173	9,677	95.11

This confirms your deduction that there was slightly less effective followup of the early hires. The difference was relatively small, however. You understand, of course, that the person-years contributed by a non-traced individual did not stop until the date he was last known to be alive. This was usually the termination date of his employment. Unfortunately, I can not furnish these dates easily.

I hope the foregoing proves useful to you in your review.

Sincerely,


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