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Alfred S. Black, Esq.
Black-Stevenson Cancer Foundation
714 Pine Street
Hattiesburg, Miss.

Dear Mr. Black:

I wish to acknowledge with many thanks your letter of April 11th. I have delayed answering because I have been away from town and so also was Dr. William E. Smith who is in charge of our cancer work. Needless to say, we are gratified that what we are doing here may engage your attention and we shall be delighted to see you when you come to New York and show you what we have done and what we propose to do.

I enclose for your attention the abstract of a talk to be presented at the Fifth International Cancer Congress in Paris this coming July. This summary I think gives you a very concise picture both of what Dr. Smith intends to say and of the subject which he is discussing.

You will appreciate that while the aims of the Institute of Industrial Medicine are teaching and research to which is coupled direct service to industry, behind all this lies our main interest which is in the field of prevention. Our research is directly concerned with causes and origins, not only of cancer but of any occupational disease, with the purpose in mind of applying approved methods to prevention as our expanding knowledge will direct us.

In addressing your Foundation our purpose was to ascertain if we could interest the Foundation in helping to put our cancer research program on a stable basis. How that best can be accomplished, I think will have to be determined in a conference. Consequently, I trust that you will let me know when you will come to New York and arrange to pay us a visit.

With best regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

A.J. Lanza, M.D.
Chairman
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