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Dear Mr. Enstrom:

Sorry for the long delay in responding to your letter concerning the compilation of findings of cancer epidemiology. I was out of town as well as out of the country for a period of time.

You are perfectly correct in stating that there does not exist the type of compilation you have in mind. There are articles which review the epidemiological literature for a given site but no comprehensive overall review exists. I think that such a review would be of great value and I would encourage you to go ahead.

There have been estimates made of the degree of the potential preventability of different forms of cancer. I think that Dr. Kotin presented a summary of such estimates at the International Cancer Congress in Houston in 1970. You probably could obtain a copy of his presentation. But, it was a personal and subjective series of estimates. A more detailed review of the literature which you contemplate doing will clearly provide a firmer basis for making such an estimate.

I would appreciate your keeping me informed of the progress of this project if you do decide to carry it out.

Sincerely,



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