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Mr. James E. Enstrom University of California Lawrence Radiation Laboratory Bldg. 50, Room 308 Berkeley, California 94720

Dear Mr. Enstrom:

I must apologize for the long delay in answering your letter of May 15 about your epidemiological data compilation idea.

This would be a most excellent and useful tool to cancer epidemiologists everywhere if it could be produced, and as far as I know there is no one else involved in such an ambitious undertaking.

Because of the various idiosyncrasies and different emphasis and reporting of researchers, I can warn you that you will have difficulty in obtaining complete detailed basic data from published works. of the major problems you will come up against is the difference of reporting even within the United States where only a few of the states support tumor registries, for example. The sources you mention in your letter are precisely those used by our epidemiological group here for all points of reference and comparison.

We will be pleased to assist you in any way we can when you get the project started.

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