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I am sure you are familiar with the attached file which has been submitted to me by George Wilson for approval of a recommended contribution.

Sufficient evidence has been submitted to justify in my mind some contribution from the Johns-Manville Fund for this purpose. However, I am concerned about the following points:

1. This is a laboratory for the benefit of the entire State of New Jersey. It is recommended that we pay 10% of the projected five-year budget. May I point out that we have had only thirteen cases in the past five years which have required use of facilities in New York and Philadelphia not available locally. Even if future exposure might double or triple these cases, I think it hardly fair to assume we should take care of 10% of the cost.

2. What are other firms going to contribute? It is my impression that we are being asked to be the leaders and that, on the basis of what we give, they hope to encourage other firms to make gifts. We should not be in such a position for this project.

3. A commitment is requested for a five-year period. We make no commitments beyond one year as a matter of policy.

I will be glad to discuss this with you further if you wish prior to a review of this subject with Mr. O'Brien.

Your file is returned herewith.

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