CANCER PREVENTION COMMITTEE

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Dr. Kenneth Smith
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Dear Dr. Smith:

In accordance with our recent discussion, I have gotten in touch with Dr. Robert Case, who is in charge of industrial cancer studies at the Chester Beatty Institute in London and who is a member of this Committee, to inquire about steps for learning a little more of the actual facts involved in the 11 cases reported by the Chief Inspector of Factories as showing co-existence of lung cancer and asbestosis. The enclosed letter, sent off for this purpose, deals chiefly with pathology, and I think should cover the specific questions you forward by yourself and Dr. Cartier.

Since the number of cases is comparatively small, it would seem reasonable to begin by establishing some first hand acquaintance with the material on which the claims are based. If the facts then what they are claimed to mean, we could then inquire further into the population at risk, which is of paramount importance in the case of a tumor as common as lung cancer.

I would very much appreciate your advice and comment on this general subject. I will be in the out of London during the summer, but can be reached c/o Thomas Cook and Son, Berkeley Street, London.

I very much enjoyed meeting you and Dr. Cartier on your recent visit here, and am sending him a letter similar to this.

With all best regards,

Sincerely,

William E. Smith, M.D.

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