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To: E.L.S. Cathy L. (WSA)
Subject: Chinese Study

Cathy,

Before I move too far down the road on this particular issue, I better do a reality check. My understanding is that the full Chinese case-control study cannot be financed through CIAR. Mingda, Roger, and I all think that there are numerous good reasons why this study should go ahead and I have been looking at ways in which we can make this happen. From the standpoint of the Chinese scientists involved in the project, it is our understanding that they would find it difficult to accept money directly from a tobacco company. However, Ragnar Rylander has been at least marginally involved in the project during the pilot study, which as you know has been completed, and is more than willing to use the himself and the University of Gothenburg as the study sponsor, with financial support being provided from PM. Mingda will be in a meeting with several of the Chinese scientists who are involved with the project next week, and he will be able to at least determine if this solution would be acceptable in principle.

What I would like to know from you at this time is weather or not there is any reason that you know of that would create problems for PM if we decided to fund this project on our own. Needless to say, I am not looking for approval. That can only be obtained by submission of a proposal to the SRRC and approval by the SRRC based on the scientific merits of the proposal. However, I should point out that this will be an expensive project (best estimate I can obtain is \$250,000/year for 3 years) and there may be other complications as well.

If you can discuss this with me before the end of this week, I would greatly appreciate it.

Thanks as always.

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