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Dr Richard Carchman,

Dear Richard,

A few things for your information and as a basis for our telephone discussion from Brussels early March.

I have talked to Linda Koo regarding the study on non-smoking wives married to smokers or non-smokers. This project has now a long history and I wish it had been published at least one year ago. The current status is that she will visit with Kabat in New York early March to finalize the data that Kabat has. I offered to visit with her in Hong Kong late March to help with (and speed up) the preparation of the paper but it may be questioned if this trip justifies the costs involved. The material at present comprises data from the US, Japan, Sweden and Hong Kong so it is very unique.

Our own study is proceeding nicely and I will finish a 6 month report to CIAR next week, with a copy to you.

The study on infection in children and diet in Geneva is under way again and we should have results by early summer.

You will also get some comments on the Swiss SAPALDIA study next week - I just need to add some references. It was reviewed at a meeting of the Commission on Environment and Health in Geneva (where I am a member) and one of the presentors turned blue in his face when I asked about his opinion on causality. So sometimes committee meetings are fun.

Have a nice week end and I will be back next week.

With my best regards


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