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Dear Doctor Sterling:

Dr. Brady referred to me the letter in which you transmitted a copy of your paper on New Development in Chronic Disease Epidemiology: competing Risks and Eligibility. I found this paper very interesting to read, and though I am no epidemiologist, I thought it presented the concept of "eligibility" as it may affect population studies, in a very clear and effective manner. The appearance of the published paper has reminded me that I owe you an acknowledgment.

We are enclosing pamphlets that describe the research interests and policies of the Tobacco Industry Research Committee along with a set of the forms which we use for filing applications for grants-in-aid.

You are probably aware that all matters of research policy and all recommendations for grants are the responsibility of our Scientific Advisory Board. The names of its members are shown in the enclosed copy of our last Annual Report.

If you feel that you have a research proposal that may fall within the general areas of interest of our Board, we will be glad to bring it to their attention. Whether support can be furnished at the present time will depend upon relative priorities of interest as determined by the present status of the program and in relation to the budgetary situation.

The best course will be to outline a proposal on the enclosed forms. The original is intended for this office and the carbon for your own files. The application proper can be supplemented, if thought necessary, by bibliographical and biographical data, reprints of papers related to the topic, etc. Please note that the signature of an officer of administration is required in cases where the work is to be carried out in a university, hospital or other institution.

Our Board meets at approximately quarterly intervals. Applications are circulated to study groups or subcommittees for advance consideration and then are listed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Board, following completion of committee work. Sometimes a site visit is considered advisable in preparation of recommendations.

We could expect an application which reaches us by May 1, 1963 to be placed on the agenda of the meeting which will probably be scheduled in June, 1963.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures (4) Annual Report
2 pamphlets
application blanks

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P. S. Overhead is ordinarily allowed up to 15% of the budget total exclusive of appropriations for expensive items of permanent equipment.

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