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Dear Mary:

As a follow up on our luncheon meeting of June 21st regarding information supplied to the National Advisory Cancer Council members on NCI programs supported by the contract mechanism, I am supplying copies of some of the materials sent to the members by the NCI staff over the past several months. These materials include rather detailed information on each contract (the large red book) and broad program information emphasizing the activities supported by the contract mechanism. In addition from time to time various staff members have presented to the two Council Subcommittees reviews of the program areas involving contract support.

The red book was sent to Council members in early November and the books were available at the Council meeting held in November of last year. Many of the Council members expressed their appreciation of the excellent summary made available to them at that time.

The gray book was a broad summary of the overall program of the National Cancer Institute which gave emphasis to the intramural and contract supported programs, and was supplemented by data on the distribution of grants by various categories. This was made available to the Council members prior to the initial meeting of the presently constituted Subcommittees on Carcinogenesis and Prevention and Diagnosis and Treatment. At the same time an NCI Fact Book was supplied and a revised edition has subsequently been made available to the Council.

Subsequent to distribution of the red book, the blue book containing broad program information in the areas supported by contracts,

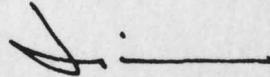
*John*  
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including excerpts from the minutes of the Scientific Directorate covering these program reviews , was also distributed. Additional information on the program review of the clinical chemotherapy area, which has recently been completed by the Scientific Directorate, will be sent to the Council members shortly.

For the Council meeting just completed a document discussing goals and objectives of cancer research and their means for implementation was also distributed prior to the meeting.

I hope this letter and the attachments clarify some of the questions about material made available to the Council on those programs supported through the contract mechanism.

Sincerely,



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