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Dear Dr Boyse,

I am sorry for the delay, but I am now able to start responding to your recent correspondence. Let me say I welcome the presence in the group of a specialist who can help us cope with the evaluation of reports related to smoking issues and so continue the good work of Geoff Felton, Ray Thornton and others.

In reply to your letter of January 30, I enclose a list of projects currently funded by ATRF. I did give Ray Thornton a list of 1986 grants last year in Montreal. I am still compiling the extra information you requested, i.e. objectives and reports. Prediction of the length of support may be a bit beyond my crystal gazing, grants are made usually for two years at most, then reviewed. I will let you know when the next lot of grants are approved.

Your letter of February 13 has been received, with the minutes of the Chelwood SRG Meeting (January 20-22, 1987). Also, I am considering your initial SRG Newsletter (your letter of February 17, 1987). Providing a full copy of every paper seems, at first impression, to be a bit excessive. Perhaps a photocopy of the summary page, with the option of our telexing you for a full copy if not available locally, would be satisfactory. We get copies of Lancet and BMJ directly and quite promptly (2-3 weeks after publication date). However, copies of Peter Lee's critiques should be sent in full. Maybe we need to let the system run in its current format for another few issues and then review it as to whether there is sufficient detail in your summary for an informed lay reader to grasp the significance of the report.

I have also received your note dated February 3 detailing a visit to Dr Nicholas Carter, Department of Child Health, St George's Hospital Medical School, London.

I shall be in Southampton at the end of the month if you need to contact me on any of these topics.

Yours sincerely,

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