

TDB
READING FILE
CIRCULATED

1st August, 1978

DR. GORDON MANGAN

(Department of Experimental Psychology,
Oxford University)

Dr. Gordon Mangan is joint author with Mr. J. Golding of one of the more interesting papers in "Smoking Behaviour: Physiological and Psychological Influences". He did not attend the Chelwood conference, Mr. Golding coming in his place. As mentioned in an earlier note (Russell and Mills), Mr. Golding, upon completing his D.Phil., is planning to join Professor J.W. Thompson in the near future. Mangan and Golding have been financed by the S.S.R.C. and are one of the few groups (the only group?) known to have been financed by the little-known M.R.C./S.S.R.C. Committee on Smoking, implicitly criticised by the R.C.P. for lack of action in "Smoking or Health" (the Committee Chairman is Professor P. Venables, and the committee includes Dr. M.A.H. Russell). I have been in touch with Mangan and Golding throughout the summer in connection with their paper.

On 31.7.78, Dr. Mangan telephoned me to enquire about financial support in two areas which, of necessity, are as yet somewhat ill-defined. As I shall be on holiday shortly, this note is being written before I have sight of a written document from Dr. Mangan defining these two areas, but I believe he had in mind:

- (1) assistance in the publication of a 130-page monograph which relates to smoking in young people (see enclosed p.21 of "Smoking or Health")
- (2) involvement in areas of behavioural/psychological research similar to that described by Mangan and Golding at Chelwood.

110085711-

Dr. Mangan was aware of the existence of T.R.C. and asked how applications for funds were normally submitted. I explained the present position with regard to T.R.C./T.A.C., and it was left that Dr. Mangan would write to me setting out his requirements in more detail (but without any commitment), and I would contact him if I thought there was any possibility that T.A.C. or B.A.T might be interested in the proposals.

Mangan implied that S.S.R.C. were not particularly interested in the publication of the monograph (did not like the results?), and I wonder if they may have lost interest in his research because of the conclusions reached in his studies (a copy of which is enclosed). Dr. Mangan's proposals may, therefore, be of interest to those wishing to demonstrate "benefits" of smoking.

Encs. 2

R.E. Thornton
1st August, 1978

110083712