

Ex. 125 - Dr. P. B. Griffith's Notes on a Meeting held on August 15, 1961, in Washington to review proposed Federal State Health Research Grant Programmes on Tobacco.

VI. Review of the National Cancer Institute, HEW, Health-Oriented Research Program on Tobacco

Dr. Falk presented the proposed program which is covered on pages 11 through 14. He made few comments with regard to this program until he came to Item 6 which is concerned with the carcinogenicity and cocarcinogenicity of selected compounds that are added to tobacco products. He emphasized that information from the tobacco industry with regard to the type of compounds added to tobacco products was absolutely essential for this phase of the problem. He then tried to apply pressure to obtain such information or the promise that such information would be forthcoming. He obviously considers this to be a very important field and brought up the subject of coumarin. He said that he assumes that it is no longer used but is not certain of this and asked if anyone was using coumarin at this time or materials such as Tonka Beans which are known to contain coumarin. There was, of course, a very profound silence. Dr. Falk then expressed the opinion that this was a very important substance and that it does have a structure somewhat equivalent to aflatoxin referred to earlier. Continuing his efforts to obtain information in this area, an interchange developed between Dr. Falk and Dr. Bright of Reynolds which I am sure became quite embarrassing to Dr. Bright. Mr. Spencer Hanes, also of Reynolds, finally came to his rescue with the statement that the program being discussed was not developed overnight and that he was quite certain that no one from industry would want to comment on this or any other portion of the program in detail without giving it some thought. He expressed the opinion that it was conceivable that some such information might be made available after the participants had had time to study the entire program.

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