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Dr. Leonard M. Schuman
School of Public Health
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

Dear Dr. Schuman:

On June 7, 1962, I announced with the approval of President Kennedy that I would appoint an expert advisory committee to study and make recommendations on the health effects of smoking. On July 24, I met with representatives of interested Federal agencies, voluntary health and professional groups, and the tobacco industry to discuss our plans for appointing the group and the terms and conditions proposed for the study. Copies of two press releases are enclosed which provide additional information.

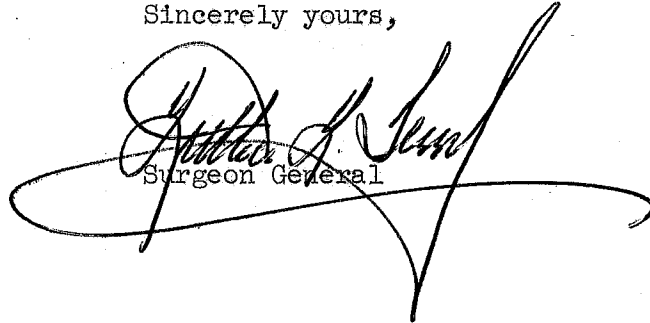
It is agreed that this expert committee must have not only the highest professional competence but also must be "impartial" in appearance and in fact. My staff, with the assistance of the groups referred to above, has endeavored to select potential members who fulfill these criteria. However, you must be the final judge on this point. From an initial list of one hundred and fifty names, we have narrowed the field to eleven whom we believe to be ideal. It is my pleasure and honor to notify you that your name is among those finally selected.

I realize that all of those being invited already have heavy and important demands on their time. I cannot give you precise information as to how much of your time will be required. You should note, however, that the responsibility of those now being invited is limited to Phase One of the study (see enclosures). We estimate that Phase One can be completed within six months. I have already appointed a small full-time staff and am prepared to make additional resources available as may be necessary. However, the amount of time required will be determined to an important degree by how the Committee itself decides to go about its task. We have several alternate proposals in this respect.

As customary, expenses of Committee members will be covered at the rate of \$50 per day, plus transportation costs, and \$16 per diem.

I regard this study as one of the most important and most complex the Service has ever undertaken. I sincerely hope you will be able to assist us and to notify me of your acceptance at an early date.

Sincerely yours,



Arthur H. Sulzberger
Surgeon General

Enclosures 2

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October 5, 1962

Dr. Leonard Schuman
School of Public Health

Dear Len:

Gaylord has passed along to me the word that the Surgeon-General has asked you to serve on the Expert Advisory Committee to Study the Health Effects of Smoking. This is one more indication of your high professional standing, and I am surely pleased to see you honored in this way.

This will be a difficult assignment, of course, in many ways even more difficult than many of the advisory committee assignments, for most of them do not deal with matters nearly as controversial as this one will be. You are prepared, I am sure, to suffer the slings and arrows of an outraged tobacco industry.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



Robert B. Howard, M.D.
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cc: Dr. Gaylord Anderson

October 9, 1962

Dr. Luther L. Terry, Surgeon General
Public Health Service
U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Dr. Terry:

I am, indeed, honored to have been selected for the Expert Advisory Committee on The Health Effects of Smoking. A copy of your letter dated September 14 reached me at my hotel in London just prior to the overseas call from Dr. Hammel of your office. As you undoubtedly know, I have informed Dr. Hammel that I would be very happy to accept this assignment and the present letter, now that I have returned to my office, is by way of formal acceptance of this very important responsibility.

I am, indeed, honored by the trust and confidence implied in your invitation, and I shall do everything within my power to absolve my responsibilities in this regard. Dr. Hammel had indicated that he would contact me in the immediate future relative to a meeting on agenda of the first meeting of the committee. I shall await your orders in this regard.

Sincerely yours,

Leonard M. Schuman, M. D.
Professor of Epidemiology

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