

C O N F I D E N T I A L

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MR. LESTER POLLACK:

Morris Fishbien  
Consultantship Agreement

The Lorillard files indicate that Dr. Morris Fishbien of Chicago (editor of Medical World News?), has been under retainer as a "research consultant" since early 1953.

Since 1957, and currently, Dr. Fishbien is being paid \$10,000 annually (in equal monthly installments). The last agreement I have been able to locate relating to his services is a letter dated January 30, 1957 from Dr. Parmele to Dr. Fishbien, with respect to services for 1957, pursuant to which he agreed "to continue to supply [Lorillard]...with abstracts of medical literature appearing throughout the world on problems related to tobacco and health".

I am advised that there is absolutely no current relationship, if indeed there has been any, between our Research Department and Dr. Fishbien, and that Dr. Spears has never received any information from Dr. Fishbien. An examination of Mr. Gruber's files indicates that from time to time over the past few years, Dr. Fishbien has forwarded reprints of scientific papers and reports to Mr. Gruber, many of which were of Dr. Fishbien's authorship; most of which, in my judgment, appear to be of routine "garden-variety".

I understand from our conversation of November 14th with P. R. Tisch that this "consultantship" is to be terminated

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as of the end of this year. However, in reviewing the matter briefly with P. R. Tisch in your absence, he indicated a desire to reconsider the matter with you with respect to the timing of the notice of termination to Dr. Fishbien vis-a-vis the passage of the pending Washington legislation.

  
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