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DOCTOR ADMITS FILING FALSE DATA AND IS BARRED FROM U.S. SUPPORT

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WASHINGTON, May 19— The Government took steps today to prevent a cancer researcher from getting Federal funds or using experimental drugs after he admitted submitting false data.

The Health and Human Services Department's action against Dr. Marc J. Straus was the first use of 1980 regulations on cutting off Federal funds.

Dr. Straus signed an agreement, the department said, "in which he conceded that serious deficiencies occurred in studies he supervised between 1976 and 1978 at Boston University Medical Center."

Dr. Straus admitted the false reports, as well as using ineligible patients, giving dosages different from those in his plan and not assuring compliance with informed consent rules, the department added. Study Sponsored by U.S. Institute

Dr. Straus, 38 years old, used experimental cancer drugs under the sponsorship of the National Institutes of Health in a study for the Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group. Two years later, having resigned because of the charges raised against him, he received another \$910,000 Federal cancer grant.

The action was intended to prevent him from getting financial support from the department or access to experimental drugs controlled by the food and drug agency. Officials said that no criminal prosecution was planned.

While at Boston University, Dr. Straus devised a plan for chemotherapy that he asserted had led to remission in 93 percent of patients with a form of lung cancer so virulent that it kills within three months of diagnosis. The disease is small cell lung cancer.

Five members of his staff said treatment reports contained false data; they said birth dates were changed and some of the treatments and laboratory studies reported had not been done. They also said a tumor had been invented in a patient who had none. Left Boston U. Faculty

Dr. Straus, insisting at the time that he was a victim of staff conspiracy, resigned from Boston University on June 30, 1978. In March 1980, the National Cancer Institute approved a \$910,000 grant for Dr. Straus, who had since been hired by the Westchester County Medical Center and New York Medical College in Valhalla, N.Y. Dr. Straus has resigned from the medical college, according to Storm Whaley, a spokesman for the cancer institute.

Last year, the President's Commission for the Study of Ethical Problems in Medicine cited the Straus case in a report critical of lax supervision of cancer research.

The commission asserted that when Boston University informed the cancer institute of the charges against Dr. Straus, the institute said that it "cannot intervene in the internal affairs of institutions, or pass judgment on individuals, in situations in which we are not directly involved," the report said. Later, the Government pursued its own investigation.