



MEMORANDUM

The American Tobacco Company

TO

Mr. H. R. Hanmer
Dr. W. R. Harlan

DATE September 4, 1962

FROM

E. S. Harlow

SUBJECT

U. S. Public Health Service Panel for Study of the Tobacco
and Health Situation. Reference: Telephone Conversation
with Dr. M. H. Seevers 8/31/62.**Peter Hamill (Medical Advisor)**

Dr. Seevers was visited by Dr. Hamill (?) from the Surgeon General's office, who issued an invitation to Dr. Seevers to become a member of the subject panel. The panel is to be composed of eleven outstanding scientists from various scientific disciplines, none of whom have been involved in the controversy. The panel will be chairmanned by Surgeon General Terry. Mose mentioned that several of the selectees were named to him by Dr. Hamill but the only one he remembered was a Mr. Spiegelman, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company statistician and world authority on risk. The panel expects to report its findings by July 1, 1963, which will be the completion of the medical phase. It is Dr. Seevers' understanding that a second phase will ensue involving a panel of political scientists, economists, etc. Final recommendations for action will be made after the second phase. Presumably, the medical panel will only report its findings with reference to the effects of smoking on health with no recommendations.

Although this interrupts Dr. Seevers' sabbatical, the honor attendant to this appointment and the opportunity it provides for association with outstanding people appeals to him so much that he intends to accept provided that after they have been informed of his consulting association with The American Tobacco Company, which he intends to resign, they still would like to have him serve. Dr. Seevers inquired as to our reaction to his serving and was informed that my curbstome opinion was we would certainly favor his accepting the appointment. I told him we would call and confirm our reaction on Tuesday or Wednesday, September 4 or 5. Dr. Larson has also been apprised of Mose's selection and approves wholeheartedly to Dr. Seevers becoming a panelist.

Incidentally, there will be no American College of Physicians and Surgeons Committee and the Council on Drugs of the AMA Committee is reviewing a list of about 150 nominees from which this committee will be selected sometime in the near future.

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P. S. Just called Mose and told him our reaction - favorable. He will notify me of further developments.

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