



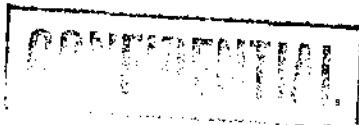
MEMORANDUM

The American Tobacco Company

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

DATE October 2, 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. SeEVERS 10/1/62.

Dr. SeEVERS has written to the Surgeon General accepting a firm appointment to the subject panel. The Surgeon General's office did not feel that Dr. SeEVERS' consulting arrangement with The American Tobacco Company had any bearing on his appointment. However, as he had previously indicated to them it was his intention to resign his consultantship, he is doing so by letter to H.R.H. After his work on the panel is completed he definitely would like to be re-employed by us as a consultant.

Dr. SeEVERS has not been informed as to the other members on the panel but believes that its make-up will be firm soon and that a meeting will be held the latter part of this month. He stated that considerable use would be made by the panel of Paul Larson's continuous literature survey in accumulating information on the controversy. Accepting this appointment is deferring his sabbatical and also will cut short his anticipated visit to Japan but he believes that even with these inconveniences he should accept the responsibility.

Dr. SeEVERS, as you know, is also on the President's committee to study drug addiction and this, together with his other commitments, has consumed the major portion of his time recently. Although he was only in attendance at the AMA Council on Drugs meeting for a brief period, he does not believe that the appointment of the AMA committee to study cigarette smoking and health has progressed much beyond its status when last he contacted us. It is his intention to keep us informed of all developments.

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P. S. Paul has just informed me, in telephone conversation, that Dr. Hammil has contacted him and wishes to come to Richmond to discuss with Paul means by which the accumulated information on tobacco and health can be obtained for the panel.

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