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Mr. Paul M. Hahn
President
American Tobacco Company
111 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Paul:

Messrs. Littin and Haller of our office had a long session yesterday with Dwight Macdonald, who is writing an article on the cancer problem for the New Yorker.

Mr. Macdonald said that he had received a letter from the head of a tobacco company, which contained the statement that only a handful of doctors were linking cigarette smoking with cancer. Macdonald thereupon claimed to have located the names of 40 doctors who he says agree with Ochsner, Wynder and Graham, against only about 15 who disputed them.

On the basis of research we have done, our people were able to give him the names of 100 doctors who are on record that there is no conclusive evidence that cigarette smoking is a cause of cancer. This list of names was given to Mr. Macdonald, and I am hopeful that it may temper his conclusions.

Kind regards.

Very sincerely yours,

John W. Hill

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