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More than a year ago -- on February 5, 1970 to be exact -- the American Cancer Society conducted a press spectacular at the plush Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York City. To attendant newsmen, it announced a scientific "first" -- lung cancer had been produced in dogs through the inhalation of cigarette smoke.

The media bought the story. But the professional journals displayed a large degree of sales resistance. The New England Medical Journal did not accept it for publication. Neither did the Journal of the American Medical Association, after a lengthy and exhaustive review.

Finally, the research (which was much publicized in the media but long unpublished in the scientific literature) found a home...in the Archives of Environmental Health.

Attached is an analysis of the long-delayed study as published in the medical literature. The analysis was made by Victor Buhler, M.D., former president of the College of American Pathology, at the request of U.S. Representative Tim Lee Carter, who is also a physician.

In view of the massive publicity this study received in the mass media, Dr. Buhler's conclusion is sobering:

"My previous concern about this study has been confirmed by the finally published article, which so completely fails to bear out the claims announced at the American Cancer Society's press conference last February."

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