



Subject: Potential RJR Sponsored Research  
in Switzerland

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To: Max H. Crohn, Jr.

From: Frank G. Colby

While meeting with Peter Schuler in Madrid last week, before our ICOSI presentation to the Spanish Tobacco Company (separate memorandum forthcoming), we talked about potential RJR sponsored research on smoking and health in Switzerland. I believe we should include the discussion of this topic in the discussion of the German research, which was the subject of my memorandum to you of February 23rd.

When the German research was first planned, it was intended that, if successful, it would be desirable to extend it to other countries. I am suggesting that we, at this stage, only explore the possibility to extend such research to Switzerland. There is no need at this time to request or reserve any funds, because I am not certain that any suitable researchers can be found. I therefore am suggesting that we explore whether there are any researchers which could be potential grantees and only if such researchers are found should an approach be made to management to make funding available. I am therefore giving to Charlie Nyström the assignment to explore the pertinent Swiss literature to see whether or not he can come up with one or more potential candidates. In the affirmative we would have a further discussion as to whether or not any or all these candidates should be contacted and whether or not they might be interested in doing research for the Tobacco Industry.

As for Switzerland, no researcher would be approached who currently has or has had in recent years, received a grant from the Swiss Tobacco Manufacturers Association or another Tobacco Industry organization. Of course, all other criteria applied in the past and in the future in approaching German grantees, or potential grantees, equally apply.

Also, my March calendar is by now even more full than it was when I wrote to you on February 23rd. Following is my new March schedule:

March 8th and 9th	-	vacation
March 11th - 14th	-	Smoking and Health Conference, Savannah, GA.
March 18th - 21st.	-	Cardiovascular Disease Conference, New Orleans, LA.
March 28th - April 6th -	-	Smoking and Health Research Meetings Germany

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cc: A.R.

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