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April 3, 1974

To: Dr. James Born
Mr. Igor Blake
Members of the Donner Environmental Projects Committee

From: W. E. Sirl *WES*

Re: Research proposals in Pathophysiology and Properties
of Airborne Contaminants.

I met this morning, as directed by the Committee, with Tom Hayes, Jm McRae, Don Van Dyke, Keith Freeman, and Tom Tenforde to reexamine the project proposals they had submitted earlier, and to discuss the form, content, and level of interest in a research program on airborne contaminants.

The following conclusions were drawn from this meeting and are offered for consideration.

1. Most of the project proposals in this category that were submitted earlier by Donner Laboratory staff will not be resubmitted or were eliminated for want of commitment or scientific merit. The remaining few proposals that relate more or less to air pollutants are too diverse in substance to permit rational coordination in a single project statement. To do so would produce at best a contrived document that might weaken a good project. Good coordination among projects would seem more an administrative than a scientific matter.
2. The three surviving proposals consequently will be submitted independently as separate projects. They include two project proposals by Tom Hayes and one by Keith Freeman. It is anticipated that Tobias will submit independently a fourth proposal. Each has a high level of personal commitment to it by the investigator and must be regarded as a serious proposal, and should be considered on its merits.
3. Each of these proposals, and any others related to air contaminants, could be given a general heading or alternatively, grouped under the general heading above in the Donner program. However, it should be recalled that a comprehensive organization of all energy related health and environment research within L.B.L. was adopted for the overall program submitted by Dr. Sessler to D.B.E.R. last November. It seems reasonable to expect, therefore, that all project proposals that are approved in this round may assigned to appropriate subprograms in the overall L.B.L. program as was done before. Thus Hayes' 2 projects would properly be catalogued in L.B.L. Subprogram 3, Section C; Freeman's proposal would be placed in Subprogram 1.
4. A number of possibilities for biomedical research on airborne contaminants were discussed but no additional specific projects were suggested or thought to be practicable at this time. However each of the persons listed above expressed a willingness to assist any project where his particular expertise might be useful.

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