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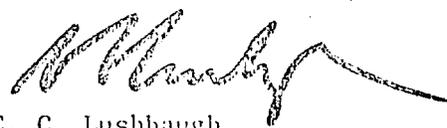
DATE June 16, 1975

SUBJECT Telephone Conversation with Dr. Sid Marks

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I returned Sid Marks' call this AM (Thursday, June 12). In essence, he told me that we would have to operate starting July 1 at 1.71 M and running the REAC/TS program at \$300,000 instead of \$450,000. I explained to him that our problems were (1) our need to pick up the NASA Human Effects group in REAC/TS with ERDA dollars, (2) our need for an Assistant Director to aid me run the REAC/TS program, (3) our need for an epidemiologist (a new expensive hire), and (4) our entrapment into an unpredictable patient cost drain. This drain, I explained, cost us \$14,000 unexpected dollars so far this month. I also said that I understood their need to keep their total program at the Congressional approved level until they received their new FY '76 financial plan, but I didn't understand their acting now as though they had reviewed our 189's and were making a cut. He agreed that no one had really had the time to review this material and that he himself hadn't. He felt therefore that we needed to work closely with Bibb and Haythorn so that if and when it becomes evident that we can't cut it at the 1.71 level, Bill and Haythorn can inform HDQ (him?). We then talked about my need for cytogenetic support and Dr. Edington's uncertainty here, which I countered with Dr. Carter's support and my certainty of REAC/TS cytogenetic needs, etc. Apparently Dr. Marks sees cytogenetics being involved only when a person is physically followed up -- if you "follow" 10 patients per year and it takes one week per patient, this is 20% of the year -- and doesn't appreciate the need for human cytogenetic research to improve our present studies on accident victims. This needs to be corrected through eyeball conversations. He agreed but felt that he couldn't come down here until July 28. He said that this date would be a good time to set up the Edie Tompkins conference which he would like to attend and that he would visit me either a day before or after that conference.



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