Dear Sir: R. Donald,

Hackett has now made a photograph of the article about you in the New Scientist for 25 Sept.

And you have sent me your three articles—two from Nature which were creating a furor at the 3rd Cancer Congress and 1 from Wisconsin.

I can't see to have all this material.

I have nothing to add in extenso, but I wish to make the point that I have recently written to John in connection with the proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences last December. I agree to have had several apologies after the press lost the reprint that I had sent. I have been working with this data all the time. The result seems to be that almost all the discrepancies in pathologists reported from the different centers were discrepancies in the standards used by the pathologists in reading their slides. That is, the pathologists in identical setting their slides. This leads me to believe that the American Cancer Society is very much interested in the American Heart Association and vice versa because of their very different attitudes toward the findings of Hammond & others. Relative to the effect of cigarette smoking on (1) lung cancer and (2) coronary disease, the heart folks insist in the interpretation of the statistics as to causation, the Cancer folks insist on accepting it.

Hammond & Hume did report that cigar & pipe smoking had much less effect than cigarette smoking but did not spell it out against actual numbers as they did
May 13, 1933

My apologies. When I was struck down by illness in London I found that smoking 5 to 8 cigars a day (with maybe a pipe in addition but no cigarettes) had a better than fair mortality ratio to non-smokers from all causes. That seems very ironic to me, a cigar smoker, for I have always thought cigars more soothing and would have never have smoked 5 to 8 a day - which is very heavy smoking. Something must be wrong if it seems statistically, I believe.

I hope that as the holiday season comes on you and your large family are well and happy and prosper-

Franklin D. Roosevelt

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