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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Committee

Council on Epidemiology

FROM: Felix E. Moore, Chairman

Ad Hoc Committee on Pooling Studies

DATE: November 15, 1974

Teaching commitments and considerations of cost have led me to forego this annual meeting. I am planning to attend the meeting in Tampa in February.

The production of the Pooling Project this past year in terms of finished product has been small, but there has in fact been real progress. Pursuant to our agreement, we have furnished a considerable amount of data under their specifications to the National Heart and Lung Institute. This material is on master tape and is available on request to the cooperating centers. We have also made progress in several methodological investigations.

Mr. Robert Boardman, who has been the Research Associate on this project for the past 3 years, enrolled for half-time graduate study in the Department of Biostatistics in September of this year. He has indicated that he will be available to work on a half-time basis on the project for the calendar year 1975.

Because of savings on Mr. Boardman's salary, clerical costs and travel in the current grant year, there will remain an unspent balance on December 31, 1974. I have, therefore, requested NHLI to extend the terminal grant by 12 months without additional funds.

This will allow us to:

- 1. Complete the first phase monograph and arrange for its publication. (The grant includes funds for page costs.)
- Continue methodological studies and analysis of other endpoints which will result in subsequent publications.
- 3. Maintain a working file until December 1975 which will provide data on request for responsible investigators.
- 4. Make arrangements for ultimate deposition of a documented file. in a place which will guarantee its availability for future study.