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IN REPLY
REFER TO:

Dear Normative Aging Study Participant:

Over a year ago we sent you an elaborate questionnaire on smoking which received an excellent response from the Normative Aging Study participants. The enclosed brief questionnaire is a follow-up to the earlier one and will permit us to update our records.

In the future other brief questionnaires will become part of our standard procedure just as the regular medical exams. These repeated questionnaires and exams are an integral part of the study, allowing us to study the changes that take place with aging in the various domains of life.

As a volunteer participant in the Normative Aging Study, your answering this questionnaire is entirely voluntary. The questionnaire may contain questions which you consider to be sensitive or an invasion of your privacy. In this case, please feel free to leave such questions unanswered, even though the items in the questionnaire were designed to answer certain scientific questions in connection with aging.

The information obtained from your questionnaire will only be used for the purpose of conducting scientific research or program evaluation. No scientific investigators will identify, directly or indirectly, any individual participant in any publication resulting from this research. All responses on this questionnaire will be held in strictest confidence, and will be secured in locked files. Participant identities will not be disclosed in any manner. In addition, further protection is afforded you concerning release of confidential information by the Privacy Act of 1974, P.L. 93-579.

Please fill out your questionnaire and return it in the enclosed self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

We extend our thanks and appreciation for your continued participation in helping us achieve a better understanding of aging processes.

Sincerely yours,

Charles L. Rose, Ph.D.
Director
Normative Aging Study

"To care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan." - ABRAHAM LINCOLN