

Press Conference
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CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

- May 16, 1983 Dr. Victor J. DeNoble, Associate Senior Scientist, with Philip Morris submits manuscript #83-1400, entitled "Nicotine as a Positive Reinforcer in Rats: Effects of Infusion Dose and Fixed Ratio Size," to Psychopharmacology. [Doc. 1 a summary of the article; Doc 5 is a draft of the article, given to Dr. Jack Henningfield, National Institute of Drug Abuse, Addiction Research Center.]
- Aug. 8, 1983 Editor of Psychopharmacology, Dr. Herbert Barry, returns manuscript with comments of two reviews so that revisions can be made in anticipation of publication.
- Aug. 30, 1983 Dr. DeNoble sends Dr. Barry letter withdrawing publication of the manuscript. [Doc. No. 2 is a copy of the letter.] Subsequently Philip Morris's animal research lab was closed and the researcher was fired.
- Dec. 31, 1985 DeNoble, now working for Ayerst Laboratories Research, submits revised version of 1983 manuscript, entitled "Intravenous Nicotine Self-Administration in Rats: Effects of Mecamylamine, Hexamethonium and Naloxone," for publication in Psychopharmacology. [Document No. 3 is a copy of the letter submitting the article.]
- April 9, 1986 Manuscript is returned to DeNoble with comments of two reviewers so that revisions can be made in anticipation of publication.
- Aug. 4, 1986 Revised version of manuscript received by Psychopharmacology.
- Aug. 30, 1986 Dr. DeNoble sends letter to Barry withdrawing the manuscript.
- Sept. 22, 1986 Letter from Dr. Barry to Dr. DeNoble stating "I share the distress you expressed in your phone conversation of 18 September that the Philip Morris Company has issued an injunction against publication of this paper." Letter also states that the manuscript is ready for publication. [Doc. No. 4 is a copy of this letter.

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May 18, 1988 Surgeon General C. Everett Koop issues the report The Health Consequences of Smoking: NICOTINE ADDICTION. The report concluded that "nicotine is the drug in tobacco that causes addiction."

March 25, 1994 Food and Drug Administrator Commissioner David Kessler confirms the existance of the secret addiction study in a congressional hearing before the House Subcommittee on Health and the Environment. Kessler called the self-administration, as demonstrated by the study, "a hallmark of a drug that has the potential to addict."

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