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Dear Jim,

No doubt you are aware that there has been considerable publicity on this side of the Atlantic recently about the Reynolds Process for improving the filling power of tobacco by 40 to 50% and the A.M. & F. foamed reconstituted tobacco sheet which is said to give improved filling power as well as reduced biological activity. I think these releases serve to point out that there has been considerable work going on in these areas and that while the BAT group may well have had the edge in the past on filling power improvement processes for tobacco, we have probably now lost that edge.

I am aware that R & D E have projects on evaluating the water wheel system for CRS and intend to then move into cut tobacco tests, and that they are also looking at freeze drying. I am also aware of the work being carried out on the Gerlach type of process for reconstituted tobacco and effects of solvent extraction. As far as I know, however, no work is being carried out within the group on ways of improving the filling power of reconstituted tobacco.

What I am concerned about is whether or not there is sufficient effort being made throughout the group in these several areas to make sure that we are not being left behind by other people working in these fields. It may well be time to reassess the group's position in these various areas and if felt advisable, recommend coordination of projects designed to at least keep us on par with the others. We would be willing to participate in such a program and indeed I have been wondering if we in Montreal should not resume our work on F.P.I. I think it depends largely on the extent of effort being made by other laboratories in the group.

I would very much appreciate your opinions on the entire subject.

Yours sincerely,

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Suggest Montreal would well investigate improvement of FPI for PCC - v useful thing to do.

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