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Mr. Lorne Rowell,  
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Dear Lorne,

FILLING POWER IMPROVEMENT - S.I.S.

Thank you for your letter of July 9th and copy letter. This should certainly clear up the misunderstanding that arose.

As you may know, our own picture tends to get less clear as we extend tests to cover all sorts of tobacco blends under all sorts of conditions. Unfortunately, experience in production in Southampton and Liverpool has not led to the clean cut results we expected from work on similar blends in R. & D.E. The nett result is that we have not in fact built up in the U.K. a solid bedrock of experiment and production experience, either on one type of blend or on one type of equipment. To be fair, our technical resources have been very thinly spread. Fortunately your own very thorough work, and that in Louisville, has well compensated for this, and for our part I would like you to know how much we appreciate this.

I note that you are hopeful of getting F.P.I. without so much colour change. We now have our new pycnometer and the Canadian centrifuge test so that we can at last plan a quick laboratory experiment to determine whether or how far it may be possible to separate these two effects. I hope we can get some results to you quite quickly on this which could be of help.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



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