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Dear Pat,

At this year's research conference it was agreed that there would be a meeting of 'biological experts' before next year's research conference. As there is also a possibility of a meeting to discuss your own research programme, I am writing to seek your views on these two meetings. Dealing first with the meeting which will be making recommendations to the main research conference, the plan is to hold this in Southampton and after discussions with Alan Heard vis a vis the date of the technical exchange meeting the projected date for the biological meeting is late June. I am not sure who you will be sending to this meeting but in my view it should concern itself with major issues of policy rather than, say, the intricate details of particular biological tests. Stewart Massey, Bob Wade or possibly yourself are names that come to mind.

With regard to your own programme and especially the proposed work on fractionation we had discussions when I was in Canada on the possibility of Minco Bilimoria coming over for a discussion with ourselves and, in particular, Bryn Bridges our consultant in the area of mutagenicity. We know that Bryn Bridges has been involved in a lot of work associated with fractionating motor vehicle emissions and I think it would be well worthwhile involving him before plans are finally moulded. Again, it would make sense to have this meeting in Southampton and one might think of February/March as a possible time for this. There is also the question of who else should attend these meetings; for the June meeting it is quite clear who else should come. The February meeting could either be just UK and Canada or widened further with the obvious inclusion of our German colleagues who have a large programme of work in related areas.

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Perhaps you will let me have your views on these matters and until I have them I will not be writing to any of our other colleagues.

Turning to another matter, I have heard from various sources (Keith Kilburn, Peter Brown and Bob Wade's telex) of the complications associated with Verner Knott's study. I look forward to hearing what eventually transpires for next year and in the mean time will take up any outstanding points directly with Bob Wade.

It may be a little early to send you best wishes for Christmas, but in the event that we do not correspond again until 1983, may I send you and Kay best wishes for the New Year.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,



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