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NOTE TO D. L. CHRISTIE, ESQ.

B. A. T. Research Committee

(Budget)

Current B. A. T. research in the health field was not planned with a possible entry to the U.K. in mind, though events in the U.K. have always influenced the course of this research. It is not then inconceivable that your budget should provide for an element of smoking and health R. & D., specific to the proposed U.K. operation. It would be helpful to establish in the first instance whether specific research of this nature would indeed be a charge on your budget, or whether it would remain part of the existing R. & D. (U.K.) provision.

(If bioassay on the scale which might in due course be required by the Hunter Committee were to be involved, the sums of money would not be insignificant, and at a guess could reach £250,000 over the next three years.)

Development expenses related to products for the United Kingdom would I imagine fall quite clearly on your budget. It should not be difficult to forecast these once product plans have been agreed.

I have copied this note to Dr. Green to ascertain his views on the health research question.


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