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Dear Bob,

I am very grateful to you for thinking of sending us Mr. W.A. Gray's report on his plant scale experiments conducted at Aylmer. As you say in your letter, experiments carried out under the restrictions imposed in plant operations can give useful pointers, but the fundamental conclusions drawn need to be carefully analysed and confirmed.

In passing the information through to Mike Hardwick, I will be asking him to ensure that our programme seeks to confirm these conclusions, and to unravel the basic chemistry and physics underscoring them.

In terms of Mike Hardwick's visit to Canada to get some first-hand experience of your plant operations, he could not make a date in late November (which you mentioned in our recent telephone conversation) since he is on holiday at that time. However, I very much hope that he will get the chance to visit you in the early part of next year.

As I mentioned to you at the Research Conference, I would welcome the opportunity to spend a few days in Canada next year in order to get a wider feel for your R&D activities. You will remember that last Autumn I arrived on a Friday in Montreal, and got only a brief picture of your R&D activities. It is possible that I could link up with Mike in perhaps March, to cover your R&D work in Montreal, but particularly to focus on your Process work. Additionally we would update you and your colleagues on our main areas of work here in Southampton.

If you agree, could you suggest some dates?

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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