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Scientific Advisory Group

With reference to your telex of 16th December on this topic, I have discussed this with David Thorpe who is in agreement with the concept of the Advisory Group. As far as the terms of reference are concerned, items 5 & 6 (product development policy guidance and relationships with authorities) are of particular interest.

For most of the suggested territories where activities need to be monitored, personnel will probably have been identified already. I assume that RET's normal activities within TAC and through his extensive contacts will cover the UK.

Japan, China and Hong Kong are of particular interest to BATUKE, and monitoring of S&H issues in this part of the world is considered worthwhile.

Monitoring of press activities, through PR agencies within the region, could be set up easily, but would not provide the type of scientific information or expert comment required.

Delegating a BAT Public Relations specialist from one of the BAT companies in the region could be explored.

A third possibility is to appoint a scientific expert with special interest in the topic to maintain a watching brief on behalf of BAT. Contract research houses, with experience of medical and chemical work and involvement with regulatory authorities in the Far East, could be considered as a possibility.

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