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NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 13TH DECEMBER, 1977
AT IMPERIAL HOUSE, LONDON

Present: Dr. H.R. Bentley
Mr. J.G. Burgan
Dr. D.G. Felton
Dr. S.J. Green
Dr. R.J.K. Shepherd

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1. ICOSI

HRB commented that if the organisation continued to develop then a great deal of work would be required. This could mean a fair amount of expenditure. HRB added that at his recent meeting in Lausanne he had undertaken to estimate the cost of carrying out work to measure the concentrations of smoke constituents that non-smokers could be subjected to in public places, for instance cafes, bars etc. These costings should be available by the 1st February, 1978. SJG agreed that it was the opinion of B-A.T. that much more detailed discussion should take place between the member Companies before any money is spent on such a project.

There followed a discussion on the methods available to measure ambient particulate matter. It had been agreed at the Lausanne meeting that the Particle Mass Monitor was satisfactory but that other methods should be considered. Also, it had been agreed that in the passive smoking study, specific smoke constituents should not be measured, only the levels of tar produced from sidestream smoke. JGB summarised the position with regard to ICOSI's proposed use of the Stanford Research Instrument. This was designed to measure CO, nicotine, temperature and humidity and there was only one in existence. The ability to measure temperature and humidity was not required in the work for which the instrument was designed and these facilities would be removed during extensive modifications which Stanford are about to undertake. JGB did not know whether the modified instrument would be commercially available. DGF thought it important in these studies to be able to measure nitrosamine concentrations and added that the Thermal Energy Analyser was specific for these compounds. It was agreed that JGB and DGF should collaborate on the link up of the B-A.T. Noxmeter with the catalytic pre-burners. It was also thought prudent for the other members of TRC to be involved in these discussions.

2. FUTURE OF TRC

HRB said that there was a strong feeling within ITL that both ICOSI and TRC cannot be run simultaneously. Firstly, this

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would prove too costly and secondly the philosophies of the two Groups are different. He added that this could therefore be a good time for TRC to be closed down. SJG thought there were a number of good reasons for continuing with TRC. HRB said that the residual commitments at Hazelton should be carried out. SJG thought there were a number of problems associated with the closing down of TRC because TRC had gained a certain respectability in the whole smoking and health scene. DGF added that the TRC was an effective means of communicating with the anti-smoking lobby. SJG suggested other problems associated with this closure:-

- (a) The cost of compensation for staff;
- (b) There would be loss of contact with the senior personnel of the Group;
- (c) There would be loss of the goodwill that is obtained from publishing the statistics of smoking;
- (d) Without the TRC there would be no possibility of influencing future RCP reports.

3. HUNTER COMMITTEE

SJG summarised the outcome of the recent meeting of TAC and the Hunter Committee. Hunter indicated that they wanted to see, within three years, all cigarettes producing no more than 10 mg PMWnf. The Tobacco Companies indicated their reluctance to assist Hunter in this matter. As a result of this, Hunter said that they would visit each Company and agree with each Company, individually, their proposals for meeting the requirements on tar delivery. HRB thought that this must not be allowed to happen and that IIL hoped to get an agreement within TAC which will prevent this situation happening. He thought all negotiations on such matters should occur through TAC. SJG thought B-A.T. would agree with this.

4. ADDITIVES

The outcome of the recent meetings at TAC with Dr. Fairweather and Dr. Nelmes was summarised.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Epidemiology

JGB summarised a meeting of the Industry Representatives with the Advisory Panel of the Hunter Committee concerning the epidemiological studies required for substitute brands. It was doubted whether the study as originally planned could go ahead because of the low market penetration of substitute brands. The Industry Representatives did agree to look into the type of smoker that currently smokes substitute-containing brands.

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6. DATE AND TIME AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

This was arranged for Tuesday 18th April, 1978 in Southampton. The ITL members would stay overnight on the 17th.

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