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6th January, 1978

Director, Health & Social Security,  
The Health Department,  
11, St. James's Place,  
London, W.1B 1PP.

Dear Sir,

Following our telephone conversation earlier this week, I have enclosed a second copy of Report No. 1977 Part 1 of the 1st Report on the submission on cocon. Copy No. 17 of the report is enclosed and I would be pleased if you could provide and return the enclosed pro-forma as an official receipt of receipt.

During the conversation a number of points were raised which I have covered in the findings below.

(a) Findings

You have not advised in writing that cocon, together with cocon products and other additives ("cocon") is used traditionally in American type blends of cigarettes. It is particularly important for improving the smoking quality of air-cured tobacco (e.g. Turkey, Maryland).

In practice the cocon and other "additives" are normally added to the air-cured portion of the tobacco blend which is subsequently blended with the air-cured and oriental tobacco. In looking for an appropriate reference I have referred to the 1st of the 2nd HSE report. Unfortunately Hitchcock (pp. 120 et seq) is particularly vague on this point. Since I worked some flow diagrams I have been back to the earlier HSE reports. Report No. 2 is particularly vague but I located the flow diagram on pp. 100 of the 1st report. Even Table 5 which covers the whole range of most of the air-cured tobacco, I was unable to make clear the cocon is applied to the total blend and not solely to the cocon and Maryland

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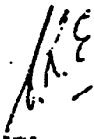
including costs is more harmful than the conventional  
flue-cured tobacco cigarette smoked in the U.S. and  
Canada.

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate  
to contact me; it would be particularly helpful to have  
copies of any specific queries in relation to the statistical  
analysis in case those involved further computation.

Finally, it is pleased that we have a provisional date  
for release of the information and I would remind you that you  
should be certain whether the date is also suitable for Frank.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



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