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Dear Bob,

My letters of 10th and 20th October dealt with aspects of exfoliative cytology and I promised to let you know the outcome of contacts with Dr. Nasiell in Stockholm and Dr. Tighe at St. Thomas' Hospital, London. These both occurred last week.

I enclose an account of the discussion at TRC with Dr. Tighe, which Geoff Todd wrote. This was somewhat disappointing and tended to confirm the views of Francis Roe. Tighe thought that the most that the tests with Callia would demonstrate would be a reduction in irritation, and then only if the subjects were not exposed to infection or other atmospheric pollutants. He was a convinced believer in the theory of multicausation of lung cancer and would not claim smoking as more than one possible cause. Other factors could be equally important. One good thing to come out of the discussion was Todd's realisation that it would be worthwhile to press the French Regie for a copy of their proposed publication - the protocol we already have is, admittedly, a bit thin.

I also enclose copies of the latest correspondence with Magnus Nasiell. This is, perhaps, a little more encouraging in that Nasiell is beginning to study the possibility of reversibility of cytological changes following cessation of smoking. However, it looks as if this is going to be a slow job, in line with Tighe's view that any amelioration in symptoms is unlikely to occur in less than six months and probably longer. In any case, Nasiell seems to be a man who works slowly. His studies have already taken 10 years and, I imagine, he sees his primary responsibility as a clinician, rather than a pure researcher.

So, perhaps exfoliative cytology becomes rather more of a long shot than it seemed at first in the light of the Callia claims and SEITZ may have been rash to accede so utterly to the idea that Callia is "safer".

Harold MacFarland visits us on next Monday. I'll write to you about it if anything interesting turns up.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,


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