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1. Discussed sucker control chemicals this morning with Dr. Bentley and Dr. Smith (Deputy Leaf Manager I.T.G., Prewett Ill.).
2. Philip Morris information could change I.T.G.'s mind decisively.
3. Unless P.M. information changes opinions, I.T.G. feel they can answer to any questions re health aspects of MH. Graeme should continue to seek P.M. information from B. & H.
4. Decision of MH versus other chemicals, Penar excepted, was a very close one. Very important to have no publicity re Penar use. Decisive point against T148 was absence of biological tests. I.T.G. strongly recommend P. & G. be urged to undertake such tests.
5. I.T.G. not too worried today re milling power reduction by MH.
6. I.T.G. will accept majority decision re sucker chemical without fuss. Will not be a party to a unanimous decision on T148 but will not oppose it. They will reserve judgement on 1970 crop but this is no different from their usual promise that their action depends on the quality and price. If they can buy tobacco of equivalent price and quality without T148 or other chemical they would do so.
7. I.T.G. cabled Demeyere 14.4.70 "Apart from our disapproval of Penar, alternative sucker methods are up to you". Demeyere was apparently also concerned about re-introduction of MH and had telephoned I.T.G.
8. In my opinion T148 can be used and if quality and price are satisfactory there will be no problem. Bentley has no objection to pass all this information to Vickery for his personal use.
9. Since I.T.G. is major U.K. purchaser of Canadian tobacco I.T.G.'s views will most likely hold with T.A.C.

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