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I am sending you my views on Smoking and Health - as requested. I am afraid the note has become rather long because I wanted to step back as it were and have a good look at the problem. As you know, I have discussed this at length with Felton and Hughes and although they are broadly in agreement any indiscretions are mine. If it appears that we have not reacted sharply enough to the recent report, I think it is fair to say that at the research level this produced no new information, we have known the contents for some time and our current programme on 'smoke' has been developed accordingly. I would not like to see this work sacrificed to a crash programme of shorter range work, nor would I like to give the impression we are not deeply concerned. Nevertheless, I think we must be careful not to give the impression that there is a cheap way out or, indeed, that R.& D.E. is capable of making more than a small contribution, however significant and effective, to the total effort required.

I am sending you three copies of this note in case you might wish to send Sir Charles one.



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