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Thank you for the comments on the above report in your letter of 19th January. We look forward to discussing these in some detail, but a number of points can be answered now.

Certain of the instances you cite, where results are reported in the Quarterly Report, relate to projects where a report has already been issued - for example, Job Nos. 2211 and 3122. Other instances you cite, e.g., 2206, 2209 and 3162, do not seem to make serious disclosures. As you know, the overseas laboratories have tended in the past to criticise our Quarterly Reports as being insufficiently informative, and it is difficult to strike the correct balance. Incidentally, no results can have been reported for 3142 as this has not been started owing to there being a delay in obtaining cigarette papers of differing porosities for sample preparation. Miss Ayers had requested these some time ago but Mr. Burnett had difficulty in locating the various papers.

Mr. Cousins has been involved in Project 1601, where he was carrying out analyses for individual sugars on behalf of Mr. Wood. This resulted in delay in Project 3103.

In Project 4154, Mr. Cronshaw will be producing a set of standard test methods but, because of the pressure of other work, has not been able to programme a target date.

Before job 4507 was undertaken, it was confirmed with Southampton Branch that they would accept the charge.

The cigarlets mentioned in 6503 were sent to Mr. Jennings and no comments have been received from him yet. A report is being issued today. I apologise for the fact that you did not receive a copy of Mr. Milner's letter to Mr. Jennings and enclose a copy for your information. I have ensured that in future you will receive such copies.

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Finally, Harrogate are at present unable to supply labelled nicotine to anyone. We understand they are re-costing their synthesis and once they have met their own needs, they might be prepared to offer it for sale in some six months' time. The recent difficulty has, I understand, been due to the resignation last year of their radiochemist, who has taken some time to replace.

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