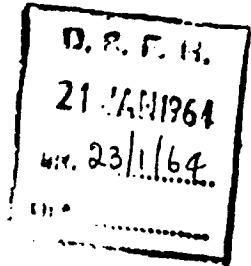


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ADDITIVES GUIDANCE PANEL

You will recall the suggestion made by W. W. Reid that a Committee should be formed at Millbank to deal with the possible toxicity aspects of additives now used, and more especially proposed for use, on tobacco, and you will be aware that there is no one authority in the Company to whom ~~they~~ <sup>you</sup> may turn for guidance or on whose advice the Company can depend for a decision which can be applied universally. The problem is a new one created, of course, by the smoking and health issue, and I know that you are well aware of all that Reid had in mind. In the direct way, some ingredients may be poisonous or injurious themselves, or they may be prohibited by Food Laws, and in the indirect way their products of combustion or pyrolysis may be harmful or may add to the amount of some material already present in smoke, bringing it above the level accepted as tolerable.

I have discussed this subject carefully with all the people concerned in Millbank, and have obtained their approval for the suggestion which follows. I have also corresponded with the main members of the Group Research who welcome the idea and will be pleased both to participate in the co-operation involved and to take advantage of the advice which the proposed panel can offer.

The whole intention behind this panel is to provide as authoritative an answer as can be given by the whole resources of the Group to the questions -

are we justified in using?  
are we safe in using?

a particular material on tobacco (in all its forms) insofar as the material itself, the products of metabolism or of combustion might be hazardous to the consumer of the smoking product. I wish to recommend for this purpose the formation at Millbank of an Additives Guidance Panel consisting of:

H. D. Anderson	- Chairman
Dr. Felton (R. & D. E.)	- Deputy Chairman
T. E. Davies (Legal Dept.)	
N. M. Gilliam (Leaf Dept.)	
J. C. H. Wright (Production Dept.)	
R. A. Boothroyd (S. C. D.)	- Secretary

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Its terms of reference would be:

- a. To discuss the toxicity aspects in the light of published information from the technical press or other sources such as Government Ordinances.
- b. To obtain the best scientific opinion available on each additive under question by corresponding within the orbit of the Group Research.
- c. To make recommendations as to the use of such additives in such proportions as it considers will be non-injurious or to their non-use.
- d. To make recommendations when required as to the kind and extent of any further testing of such additives as it considers necessary and desirable.
- e. To give advice as required on any subject of additives and health.

I use the term "additives" in the widest sense and would mean it to include consideration of such things as additives to cigarette paper and cigar binder, mould inhibitors, and even insecticides, though of course, with the latter, remembering the part played by the T. A. C. and encouraging this not conflicting with it.

I suggest that the panel should start by considering the materials now in use, examining first those items which are used most commonly and in large amounts. With this as a continuing and prolonged study, they would then give priority to items raised from outside.

Please may I have your formal approval to this recommendation. At one time you did mention to me that the implications were so far-reaching that you thought the matter ought to be formally approved by the Board. If for this purpose you need any further information or explanations I shall be pleased to supply them.

HDA.

H. D. Anderson.

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