

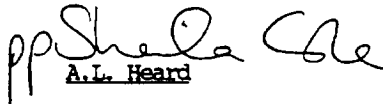
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Note for Mr. T.G. Mitchell

Tobacco Germplasm

I was very interested in your note on this topic. It supports a concern that I have already expressed, namely that sources of new tobacco varieties are drying up.

I raised this at the TSRT meeting in April under the general banner of promoting tobacco biotechnology, but Ray Pritchard blocked any potential initiatives by claiming that there was no real problem. I believe we should establish facts upon which a case can be made in order that the Group can take a strategic position. Through this note I will ask you to be responsible for this fact-gathering.

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c.c. Mr. J.W. Drummond

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