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Dear Lionel,

Together with Friedlieb Seehofer I have just gone through the recently arrived minutes of the Sea Island Research Conference.

My comments are supposed to emphasize our views on certain areas and correct a few items, where we think a slight deviation of the agreed points have occurred or where we were not able to stress the necessities of our company sufficiently.

Point 13 and 14

The group's nicotine policy as mentioned under point 13 should in any case be related to nicotine values in absolute terms and not the nicotine/tar ratio.

Although the ratio could be regarded as a means of product development, only the quantitative amount of nicotine itself accounts for its biological activity, notwithstanding the fact

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that this might be influenced by the smoke environment. One of us (Friedlieb Seehofer) stressed the view of Prof. Schievelbein, who doubts of the co-action of nicotine (see enclosure).

Point 17

Kumar

We should be aware that not only air-cured tobacco but also other cigarette parameters, for example ventilation and humectants, influence retention performance.

Point 18

Confirm to human smoking with proper animal work

We seriously doubt that the relationship between irritancy level and inhalation respectively control of inhalation by irritants can be clarified without biological methods. As the work on this subject was strongly supported on the conference the methods to be used should be agreed upon.

Point 22

Agreed

There must have been a misunderstanding concerning the use of nitrosobenzene for NO_x reduction in filters. It was not the 'Unfortunate ready association of its name with nitrosamine' which prevented us from allocating priority to this subject but the fact that the nitrosobenzene application will not be allowed by German legal tobacco regulation under the food law (LMBG).

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Point 28

There has been done quite a lot of work on chemical differences of different tobacco types, actually. Consideration should be undertaken on flavour characteristics themselves respectively the correlation between chemical components and flavour.

Point 51

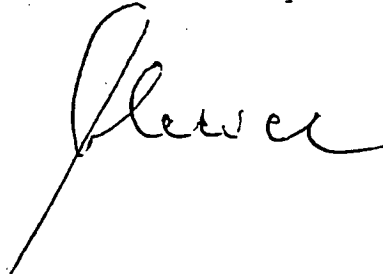
The point 51 of the Conference Highlights is missing in the minutes. As expressed in my letter of 18th August, 1980 (see extract of my letter attached) the main issue is to establish basic principles on the consumer's attitude and evaluation of quality parameters, we as an industry attach importance to. This work is to be seen in the whole context of smoker's behaviour and psychology.

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Approved

I hope you will approve of my comments.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely



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