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Mr. C. Borloz,  
B.A.T (Suisse) S.A.,  
Case Postale 403,  
1211 Geneva 26,  
Switzerland.

Dear Claude,

I am writing to you about the possibility of having a future meeting of the Scientific Research Group, currently representative of the CAC Countries, in Switzerland next year.

The Scientific Research Group is charged with keeping the group fully up to date on scientific aspects of smoking and health issues and currently has representatives from BATCo (Chairman and Secretary) Dr. R.E. Thornton and Dr. S. Boyse, BATUKE, Germany, Brazil, Canada and occasionally Australia. Members are usually senior scientists with a broad grasp of Company policy and activities. The group frequently invites outside experts to address it on specific issues.

We have now identified two additional countries in which there are both appropriate senior staff and some external research contracts, and you will not be surprised to hear that these two countries are Switzerland and Denmark. We would, therefore, like to invite Dr. Arto and Mr. Madsen to the first of our meetings in 1989 because we believe that we are not fully capitalising on the expertise available throughout the group. The group places external research contracts, and we discuss these activities as part of our regular business. The group meets at various locations throughout B.A.T.'s world, and if you are agreeable we would also suggest our meeting in April 1989 is in Switzerland, and I assume Geneva is the obvious location. Meetings usually last for 2 1/2 days and delegates pay their own hotel expenses! We either meet for discussions in a hotel or in appropriate company facilities, as and when available.

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I therefore look forward to hearing whether the above mentioned plans would be acceptable to you, either in part or in whole, and if so whether there are any times in April 1989 that would not be convenient to you. One could assume a maximum of about eight or so BAT delegates and up to three outside speakers (whose fares would also be provided by the S.R.G.).

Finally, I should say that if things went ahead and there were particular sessions that might be of interest to appropriate members of your staff (Mr. Martin or Mme. Ibig) then we would have no objections, in principle, to them attending.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



for: R.E. THORNTON

c.c: Mr. R.S. Hartley  
Mr. A.L. Heard  
Dr. S. Boyse

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