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Dr. H. Decker,  
British-American Tobacco Co. (S.S.) G.m.b.H.,  
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Dear Friedrich,

From discussions with Dr. Green you will be aware, in outline, of the programme for bio-assay tests in progress at Battelle, Frankfurt. Among these, Battelle are attempting to develop a suitable short term screening test, and for this purpose it would be very helpful to test condensates which have been shown by long term skin painting studies to be of different activities. Naturally, skin painting results are still relatively scarce, but among samples already tested the pair of Blend B and Folie B (Gerlach) cigarettes from Germany have shown differences at Harrogate and Okstedt which might enable a short term test to be checked.

Last week, when Karl Weber was in London with Montanwill and Gipp, I had a private word with him, and he agreed that if you approach him with a request for samples of these cigarettes for further study, he would be happy to give them to you. I did not tell him what tests they would be submitted to, and would think it desirable at this stage that he does not know. If the Blend B Folie B samples enable a short term test to be devised then I believe in due course I.M.S. (and the Forschungsstelle) would be informed of the results. Weber took the view that he would like to see more tests made, whatever they may be.

Could I therefore ask you to approach Dr. Weber with the request for the release to I.M.S. Harburg of:-


2,000 cigarettes - Blend B  
2,000 cigarettes - Folie B (Gerlach).

When you receive them, would you please telephone me at Southampton and we can then make arrangements for getting them to Battelle. We shall have to brief the Battelle people as to the source of the cigarettes, their route of arrival and what to do with them, before their despatch, but it would not seem sensible to contact them for this purpose before we are sure we shall get the cigarettes.

If you are in any doubt about this matter, please contact me before doing anything.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



c.c. Mr. Herbert Allen  
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