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SMOKING AND HEALTH

STANDING SCIENTIFIC LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORT

Further to Mr. Pearson's circular letter of 21st July, the above Report was published on the 8th August. Tabling the Report in the House of Commons Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Social Services, made a statement in a written reply to a parliamentary question, which included the following comment:-

"The Report must not be taken as indicating or implying that the industry has expressed any view about the medical advice (upon which the report is based) on the relationship between smoking and health. This is not a matter on which I have sought advice from the industry".

The last paragraph of Sir Keith's written reply refers to "A study of the effects of a reduction in cigarette smoking on mortality and morbidity rates, on health care and social security expenditure and on productive potential" published by the Department of Health and Social Security.

I now enclose copies of:-

- (1) The Report of the Standing Scientific Liaison Committee.
- (2) Sir Keith Joseph's written reply.
- (3) The Study referred to above.

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- (4) Confidential comments on the Study produced by Mr. G.F. Todd, the Director of the Tobacco Research Council. (N.B. Section 12 of these comments)
- (5) A synopsis of relevant comments which appeared in the U K. press on August 9th.

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