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TO ALL NO. 1s OF ASSOCIATED COMPANIES

SMOKING AND HEALTH

Standing Scientific Liaison Committee

Report

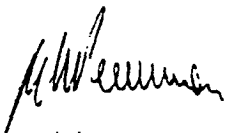
We understand that in the very near future the Minister of Health will table a report by his Standing Scientific Liaison Committee (SSLC) recommending tar and nicotine publication in this country.

The SSLC consists of government, U.K. industry and independent scientists.

Because of the involvement of the U.K. scientists (B.A.T. was not a member) the Minister is expected to make a statement that the report must not be taken as indicating or implying that the industry has expressed any view about the medical advice contained in the report because the participation of the industry members was directed only to the problems involved in assessing the tar and nicotine yields of cigarettes.

Copies of the report and of the statement will be sent to you as soon as possible after publication. In the meantime it is possible that extracts from the report may appear on news tapes. If you are asked for comment you may wish to reply:-

- (1) On the lines of the Minister's statement;
- (2) that B.A.T. was not represented on the SSLC; and
- (3) that B.A.T. is not qualified to make judgments on matters of health.



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