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PRESENT PLAN

1. As agreed at T.R.C. defer publication of the Review of Activities until Harrogate Report is published, the idea being to release both of these documents at the same time. The Harrogate Report preceding the Review of Activities: now agreed it shall be a purely scientific document.
  
2. (a) Harrogate Report. Submit final draft to T.S.C. on 22nd June, and if agreed then
  - (b) Submit this draft unofficially as a technical work to selected scientists for their comments on its presentation, length and general suitability for submission to the referees and endeavour to see this is done with minimum of delay.
  - (c) When cleared by the outside scientists submit to T.R.C. one would hope in September and in its then form it would be unlikely that there would be any major alterations.
  - (d) Submit for publication and take all steps possible to get this done early in the New Year.
  
3. (a) Between (c) and (d) inform the Minister that the Harrogate Report is to be published and do this through the Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Health asking for a brief interview with the Minister.
  - (b) Following the interview with the Minister, discuss the implications with medical and scientific personnel and presumably have a second meeting with the Minister to discuss what shall be done.

If the first approach were made September/October it is unlikely that the next meeting with the Minister will take place much before the end of the year, but it is important that we have our plans ready by the time the Harrogate Report is published.

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5. Review of Activities

Agree a final draft of this in, say, September.  
Check the appropriate sections with the writers and arrange  
for publication just after the Harrogate report.

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We have some tentative notes as to what should be  
said both at the initial interview with the Minister of  
Health and with the medical and scientific gentlemen at  
the subsequent meeting whom we would see either collectively  
or separately, and we also have some initial thinking about  
problems of publicity and so on.

We would hope to agree this plan with T.R.C; we  
certainly have a good deal of common ground but it may well  
be that we shall be unable to take some of the T.R.C. members  
with us all along the line we are proposing to follow.

It is too early to be sure as to what we should do  
in the face of continued opposition other than to say our  
present thinking would mean that whether we go as an industry  
or as an individual firm we believe that it is essential that  
the Company sees the Minister of Health to tell him what we  
are able and proposing to do.

If the worst came to the worst it could mean some  
major disruption of T.R.C. but this I am afraid would not  
divert us from the line of action we believe to be right.

Finally, because we are beginning to feel there  
is a risk of some legal responsibility in withholding such  
knowledge as we now possess we are proposing to seek Counsel's  
advice on this point and at the same time invite him to cross  
question us on all facets of our proposal.

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