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SUGGESTED POINTS TO BE COVERED AT THE MEETING
WITH MINISTER OF HEALTH.

- (a) General statement of objectives of Harrogate research. To identify by bioassay those ingredients of smoke or smoke condensate (if any) that might be harmful and therefore should be reduced or, if possible, eliminated.

First priority was given to carcinogenicity.

Work is now also commencing on irritants and inhalation.

Neither of these latter undertakings are yet near completion but the initial experiment on mouse skin painting is now complete and is being analysed. It is hoped that it will be published in a scientific journal towards the end of this year.

- (b) The special objective of the first major experiment, now completed, briefly was to identify the cigarette smoke constituents responsible for causing skin cancer in mice.

We think we have been successful in locating the particular fraction of cigarette smoke in which these constituents occur, and furthermore believe that we could produce acceptable cigarettes with substantially reduced content of this particular fraction.

- (c) Our object in approaching you is to acquaint you now with this situation.

If you agree, we would like to discuss our results in whatever detail is necessary with medical authorities, who we think are the right people to judge to what extent the results of our work might be relevant to the problem of smoking and health.

At this stage tell Minister what authorities we have in mind and invite him to nominate any others.

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