

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

26th July, 1962.

SMOKING AND HEALTH

It is thought desirable that responsible members of the staff should be provided with a short list of points on the smoking and lung cancer question as a guide to them when the matter arises in private conversation. I enclose a copy of the note prepared for this purpose numbered 10 .

As you will see, the note does not set out to refute the causal hypothesis but does raise a number of points which call for further research. It is not intended that the staff should use the note to initiate conversations on the subject but they should have sufficient information to enable them to deal with the matter in a reasonably informed and responsible manner should it crop up. If the press approach any member of the staff on this subject the questioner should, as in the past, be referred to me as the official spokesman of the Company.

We do not wish the note to fall into outside hands and it is therefore being given a restricted distribution to Heads of Departments. You are asked to pass on the points contained in the note to such members of your staff as you consider should have the information. This should be done either verbally or by circulating the note and ensuring its return to you.

Will you please inform Miss Scott (309) that you have received this numbered copy.

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P.S. I take this opportunity of attaching extract from the U.S. Congressional Record which contains a letter from Dr. Little, Scientific Director of T.I.R.C., to Congressman Abbitt, which I think you will find interesting.

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