

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

9th May, 1963.

Conversation with Dr. Schwick and Dr. Haselbach
in this office on 8th May, 1963.

1. I opened by going through the Final Report on HIPPO II, on which the main points made were the following.

Haselbach is convinced that the information on page 5 is soundly based. Also he sees no reason to doubt the general hypothesis on addiction which we have often discussed and which is referred to in his covering letter. I pressed him to write this up under his own name and to send it to me.

2. Haselbach reported that MAD HATTER was completed but that he had not fully appreciated how urgently we needed it. This I think was merely a polite way of avoiding the issue. I let it go for the reasons related later. He did say, however, that Geissbuhler had a draft in hand which he is proposing to look at over the week-end. I asked him to telephone over and get a copy of this draft for my inspection as it would enable me to get to work to see about the continuance of these projects. I promised I would send back the draft in its entirety to him once I had received the full Report.

3. We discussed ARIEL and here I heard to my surprise that Haselbach has no control now over Schachner, who is now apparently an independent group leader. I made it quite clear and rather formally to Haselbach and Schwick that the original contract had been drawn up in collaboration with Haselbach who had been present at our meetings, and that I considered this work arose naturally from MAD HATTER. It was not my concern how work was organised at Battelle, but I wished to continue to have the benefits of Haselbach's views on these matters. In particular, it was essential at some stage or other that any cigarettes produced should be given a bioassay test by Geissbuhler's methods. I pointed out that this was in the Proposal that we had accepted and that I expected Dr. Haselbach to implement.

I also said that I was not happy that Schachner had sufficient time and facilities to put on this work, and expressed some alarm whether they were going to be able to meet their target date. Haselbach assured me I need have no anxiety.

I agreed provisionally to go over to

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Geneva so as to spend Monday and Tuesday, July 8th and 9th, in the laboratory, leaving on July 10th morning. Probably I would fly over on either the 6th or 7th for a little holiday.

I emphasized that on this occasion I would be wanting to meet Dr. Haselbach and be able to discuss the whole of the three years' work with him, Libert and Geissbuhler, as well as seeing Schachner. Dr. Schwick promised to write to Geneva on this matter.

4. I was very disturbed to hear that Dr. Haselbach was almost certainly leaving Battelle. He expects to make the decision definite next week and presumably will then leave after a period of three months. This will have important effects on any decision to commission Battelle for future work on bio-sciences. In the past our projects have been very ably directed by Haselbach, and he has undoubtedly been the real brain behind them. He is leaving because of dis-satisfaction with the organisation and policy of the Institute, and it would appear to me unlikely that he will be replaced by someone of comparable merit.

[Sgd.] Charles Ellis.

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