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Original note on Mad Hatter III/3 file 15

1st March, 1963.

This morning E. Mac Bruton asked to see me and showed me an item in the Campbell-Johnson Synopsis which was an extract from the Daily Mirror, 25th February, 1963. It was as follows :-

"ELIA SALZMAN.

"Mr. Elia Salzman, who has financed the world's first Tobacco Science Institute in Rhodesia, thinks that scientists should develop 'instant smoke' in tubes which could contain the equivalent of a hundred cigarettes. The tube would be filled with condensed tobacco smoke free from undesirable contents. "People could smoke a thousand or more harmless cigarettes a day" he said."

He enquired whether I knew anything about it. I replied that I did, and this seemed to be the original idea of Elia Salzman, the examination of which really started us off on the MAD HATTER, HIPPO and ARIEL work. This word 'examination' needs clarification. What occurred was that, on examination, Elia Salzman's idea seemed certain to be quite impracticable and not worth investigation, but naturally this made us [not Elia Salzman] think what line of investigation would be practicable. The subsequent history is adequately shown in the files which were put before Mr. Bruton, i.e. MAD HATTER I, MAD HATTER III, file I, and MAD HATTER III, file 3. These files were taken from the safe by Miss Sybil Smith and given to Mr. Bruton, and were returned to her about an hour later.

It should be noted that Elia Salzman's present idea as reported in the above quotation seems not to have changed from that originally put forward by him in enclosure 1, MAD HATTER I.

[Sgd.] Charles Ellis.

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