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Dear Ray,

SRG MEETING CHELWOOD

In view of the success of the above mentioned meeting, I think it is irrelevant of any kind of comments on the minutes.

Even though my participation in the meeting was of an exclusively informative character due to the Brazilian peculiar situation in the Smoking and Health Area, I take the liberty of making the following comments :

Even having in view Dr. F.J.C.Roe's position : "All things are poison and nothing is without poison. It is the dose only that makes a thing not a poison", and all the points raised by him.

Even having in view Dr. G.Gori's position that scientifically everything can be proved and disproved.

Even considering Mr. M.Burke's approach superficial and simplistic, I believe he can give us some direction in the controvertial area of smoking and health. Although this guidance could not be scientifically precise, I believe that it could help us in daily occurrences using it as a practical argument against some accusations on smoking habit.

It is worth registering that from my corridor conversations with Dr. Stewart I learned that Mr. Burke's approach, although a little bit different from the one suggested by our Canadian colleagues, is not very far from it. I must confess that it was not clear enough to me the whole contents of the suggestions that our Canadian colleagues brought up in our Sydney Conference. After my conversation with Dr. Stewart, I can see the need to establish a programme, in answer to the Canadian and Mr. Burke's proposal.

So, I suggest that one of the results of the last SRG meeting, could be a research programme in order to try to reduce the cigarette smoke components that exceed the exposure limits. Exposure limits defined by papers similar to one presented by Mr. Burke.

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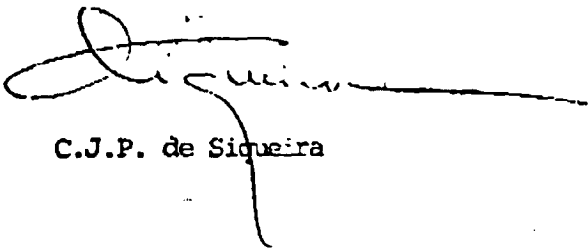
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Once again, congratulations on the success of the conference. I hope to participate in the next ones, as I said above, more as an observer with an informative objective and for up-to-dating of what is going on in the scientific world with respect to the subject of smoking and health.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,
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