


Telephone conversation between Mr. Hobson and Mr. L. C. Laporte
(in Montreal) 2.35 p.m., Thursday, 2nd December, 1965.

Mr. Hobson said:

Yesterday Holland received a telephone call from someone in Montreal asking for a further 14,000 lb. of "Hollandia" aromatic tobacco and it has now come to our notice that the Synthos content in this tobacco is to be .25%. This is considerably higher than anything that we have advised previously. We are told now that anything over .075% would be undesirable.

Before this order is executed, we wanted to make quite sure that Synthos at the rate of .25% is being added with your (Leo Laporte's) knowledge and approval. Meanwhile we have advised Holland to hold up this order. If you could send us a cable saying "Proceed" or "Hold up order" and refer to it as "HA" we shall understand and act accordingly.

I have been asked to make quite sure that you personally are aware that the Synthos loading in this "Hollandia" order is 3 or 4 times more than the recommended maximum and that it is not just a case of higher percentages being added to suit the taste of smokers. If anything should happen as a result of this increase it will be your responsibility.



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