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Dear Tom,

Thank you for your letter of the 9th October and for the copy of Dr. Nitchi's proposals for the work on lung biochemistry. I was pleased to have the more detailed information on the proposals and think the projects suggested form the basis of a useful programme. I feel much happier having seen the write-up of the various projects. I particularly welcomed the remarks in the last two sentences of paragraph 2 relating to the general approach to the work.

I do not think that I need comment on the projects in detail. The various points which I tried to make in my letter of 9th October to Bob Wade still hold. I hope the work will initially be concentrated on one or possibly two projects, with subsequent development of other topics of interest. A great deal of groundwork will be needed to be done on defining exposure conditions, sensitivity and variability of the systems being investigated, etc., before complex comparative studies can be started. For this reason the scope of the work will probably be self-limiting to begin with.

I hope things go well, and look forward to hearing of any progress you make.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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