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Privileged & ConfidentialLETTER FROM OGILVY RENAULT: 5TH JUNE 1992

I have reviewed the contents of the above letter and have the following observations.

- (1) When considering the potential impact on litigation of the research reports held in Canada, we divided the documents of concern into three categories: List 1 recorded documents making sensitive statements or containing sensitive research results; List 2 recorded documents which, on a chain of enquiry, might lead to other documents making sensitive statements or containing sensitive research results; List 3 recorded any other documents with some discernible smoking and health relevance. It should be noted that the letter from Ogilvy Renault addresses only those documents recorded on our List 1.

- (2) Of the 83 documents on List 1, the Ogilvy Renault letter records that 60 are now destroyed (and 1 not destroyed because never received). The 60 now destroyed include 24 "B" reports which we understand to have been destroyed some time ago. We also understand, from previous conversations, that 6 of the documents on List 1 (4 reports from an external contract laboratory and 2 informal reports) could not be traced by the ITL Library.

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- (3) This implies that 16 of the 83 documents on List 1 remain at ITL.
- (4) The documents now destroyed include the "B" series of reports representing data generated by mouse-skin painting experiments; a number of documents detailing inhalation studies conducted at Southampton; 3 technical reports dealing with the mutagenic activity of commercial brands; and a number of reports covering miscellaneous smoking and health issues such as the retention of smoke components in the human respiratory system, the properties of nicotine and the toxicity of certain additives.
- (5) The 16 documents retained include:
- The 3 Imperial reports on List 1, all dealing with the Ames test for mutagenicity (these may not have been considered for destruction).
 - The 5 reports on the list which are less than 5 years old and which deal with research into the effects of cigarette circumference and the development of a low biological activity product (these may also not have been considered for destruction: RD2112 30th March 1988, RD2120 19th July 1988, RD2135 22nd February, RD 2138 28th March 1989 and RD2154 31st July 1989).

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- 8 other reports covering miscellaneous issues including Project Ariel, Project Rio and Southampton inhalation research. It should be noted that RD1974, which is to be retained, gives complete results for the BAT mouse skin-painting programme.

(6) In conclusion, the majority of reports of concern on List 1 appear to have now been destroyed.

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