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N.A. Morling, Esq.
Rochdale

23rd July, 1954

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We saw Mr. Cantley yesterday afternoon and, owing to the time which has already elapsed since the receipt of Dr. Doll's letter of 8th June to Dr. Knox, Mr Cantley thought it essential for a preliminary letter to be written to Dr. Doll by T.B.A.Co. Ltd. forthwith. Accordingly I enclose the draft of such preliminary letter in the form settled for us by Mr. Cantley, and you will see that it is suggested that it should be sent by yourself as managing director of T.B.A. Co. Ltd. No doubt you will have the letter despatched to Dr. Doll forthwith. Another copy of this letter to you and of the draft letter to Dr. Doll are, of course, being sent to Mr. Soothill.

As I anticipated Mr. Cantley did not wish at this stage to give us any opinion on the somewhat unusual copywrite point involved; the extent to which this aspect of the matter may require close consideration later will depend on the nature of Dr. Doll's reply.

Yours faithfully,

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