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Mr. Hugh Fossett,
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Dear Hugh:

I have gone over the material sent me in conjunction with your correspondence with Ray Bevan. I am returning all of this to you with the exception of one copy of your outline of the principal booklet of recommendations. In both copies of the latter I have made one or two pencil notations calling your attention to several unimportant matters which you may wish to change.

Your plan of handling the situation seems to me to be entirely satisfactory. The circumstances under which you work are somewhat different from those that prevail in the United States. Under the latter conditions I felt that it was advisable to have the regulation booklet cover the entire ground in a general way. The reasons back of this do not obtain under the conditions of your work, however, and therefore I am disposed to feel that your proposed handling of the problem is a wise and satisfactory adaptation.

I think that some modification of certain procedures will be required in the near future. I refer here to such matters as the cleaning up of spills of Ethyl Fluid and the decontamination of equipment, various kinds of surfaces, etc. I think also we will be likely to recommend a different type of glove and we may recommend different fabrics for use in making aprons and the like. We are not quite prepared to do these in any final way at present, and therefore we had better leave well enough alone in the first printing of new recommendations. However, it would probably be advantageous to limit the printing to what may be required for a year or so, with the idea that suitable changes may be made when circumstances will permit.

I think your ideas are very good and I am quite satisfied to have you proceed as outlined. If Ray is in agreement with this program, steps can be taken, without delay, to accomplish it.

Inasmuch as I may not see you before your departure for the Argentine I should like to wish you a very satisfactory and interesting trip. I should also be glad if you would convey my warmest personal greetings to Charlie Risso-Gill.

You will probably see Dr. Pavlovsky in the Argentine, and I think it would be helpful if you were to explain to him and to Charlie the steps taken in getting the British plant under way. An understanding on their part of the stepwise procedure and of the assistance that I was able to give in outlining the various steps from the medical viewpoint, will relieve their minds considerably, since they will not need to be too much disturbed at this time with the minutiae of the matter. By all means every effort must be made to keep detailed procedures in medical matters out of government regulations. We will all be burdened with unnecessary difficulties if we have to contend with a government regulation every time we wish to introduce some minor change of procedure in order to adapt it to the immediate needs of the situation.

Sincerely yours,

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