

March 26, 1969

Mr. Harrington:

Re: Congressional Hearings

I attach hereto a proposed statement which has been prepared on behalf of the industry and which is to be delivered by Joe Cullman before the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. General Counsel met yesterday, went over it, made changes, and the attached is the result.

Since approval of the statement in principle will be the subject of discussion at a meeting which we will attend at Philip Morris (100 Park Avenue) on Friday, I know you will wish to read it.

The statement is not inconsistent with the statement made by Bowman Gray at the 1965 hearings. You will note that it does not have reference to the gas phase and I see no reason why it should. If that comes up, we can produce Dr. Kensler. However, should there be any discussion with respect to the gas phase, I think our position should be that we believe that the public is entitled to be informed of the reduction or removal of gas phase components which may have some potential significance, just as they are being informed about "tar" and nicotine. Furthermore, while we do not maintain that there is any direct proof that reduction of gas phase components is meaningful in terms of human health (any more than we do with respect to "tar" and nicotine), we do believe that the public is entitled to know that "tar" and nicotine are not the only substances which may have potential significance.

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