

Following is consolidated language developed from yesterday's meeting. Our understanding is that unless matters not foreseen yesterday arise, we will stay within this language in responding to release of British ministry report. (1)

The British document represents no new science.

It is no more than a composite of opinions and recommendations previously expressed.

It indicates no research done by the Committee, and offers no scientific proof of the Committee's assertions.

As the tobacco industry in the United States has pointed out repeatedly, many eminent scientists are of the view that cigarette smoking has not been scientifically established as causing the diseases or conditions in human beings which are claimed to be associated with cigarette smoking.

They are further of the view that there is no ingredient or ingredients as found in cigarette smoke which has been shown to produce or be capable of producing any of the diseases or conditions in human beings claimed to be associated with cigarette smoking.

It is quite apparent from medical testimony in the course of Congressional hearings over the years that whether "tar" or nicotine has any effect whatever on well-being is an unanswered question.

At present, there is no way scientifically to determine how they might be important, if at all, to whom, to what extent or in what amounts.

Nevertheless, the U.S. industry is aware of the concerns that have been raised in some quarters and in the minds of some smokers about "tar" and nicotine levels.

In response to this interest, the industry manufactures cigarette brands covering a wide range of "tar" and nicotine content so that the smoker may choose in accordance with his own wishes, regardless of his reasons.

Furthermore, information on "tar" and nicotine levels of specific brands has been continuously provided by our government through a testing program begun with industry cooperation five years ago. CIGARET

And in 1970, the Federal Trade Commission accepted a plan advanced by U.S. cigarette manufacturers to include these test results in all cigarette advertising, which is being done."