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Dear Tom,

Working Group
Implications of Medicine's Division
Inspector's report on BPL

As promised, I am responding to your memorandum 12.9.79 on this matter.

I must strongly urge that a more definitive and far-reaching study of the problem is put under way than the composition of your working group suggests.

There are clear short term and longer term objections^{yes} on which I must elaborate in a letter to you, and which I request is tabled at the next Scientific & Technical Committee meeting, and also the next meeting of the ad hoc group of Dr. G.H. Tovey.

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In the meantime, I stress that no valuable contributions to the future of BPL can be taken out of context of the NBTS as a whole and without earliest consideration of the financial structure which will support ensuing developments. Accordingly, the working group must include the Consultant Adviser and a representative member of his ad hoc group (I suggest H. Gunson), to include RTC interests. Likewise the Scientific & Technical Committee should be represented to provide for financial/structural details - that means Mr. David Smart.

Since the programme is urgent and time is short the meeting should be given the highest priority by the Department and commence at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

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Director BPL.

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