

BLOOD PRODUCTS LABORATORY

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Dear Mr.

B.P.L.

Dr George Miller (General Management Consultants) and his assistant Mr. Gordon Wright (Production Management Consultants) discussed with us late yesterday their conclusions about the "stop gap" programme which Tom Dutton asked me last Thursday to get on the move.

Dr Miller told us that he had concluded that not more than the first half of "stop gap" could be implemented unless land is acquired in addition to the present BPL site so that accommodation for the lay out of the programme can be logically planned as a whole. I thought you would like to know this without delay.

You will recall that this need for land was foreseen in the original stop-gap plan in which it was proposed that certain activities would have to be moved to or expanded into the open basement area shown beneath the architect's first proposal for the pilot chromatography laboratory. However whether this proposal for the pilot laboratory was accepted or not in the first form presented by the architect, there is no doubt that additional land will be needed to allow the logical planning of the full stop gap programme.

I therefore hope that the Department will be able to make ~~as~~ decisions in the very near future whether BPL should remain at Elstree and, if so, what parts of the Lister Institute Elstree estate should be acquired in reaching these decisions. I hope the Department will give

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due ~~to~~ weight to the opinions expressed in our comments
on Tom Dutton's minute on "Handling of the Trends
Working Party Report."

There is also urgency about ~~fast~~^q decisions
concerning the pilot laboratory

A long hiatus at this stage will undoubtedly
have an adverse effect upon staff morale in BPL which
not unexpectedly has already been somewhat affected
by the closure of the Institute.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

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