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Dear Dr Lane,

I enclose a copy of my last letter to Dr Vaughan. It's not particularly good but, hearing the comments of yourself and Dr Walford, I felt it must be got away the day after we met.

The last subject of my letter to Dr Vaughan touches on an issue that concerns me greatly. We must have English/Scottish technical collaboration for the best result. I deliberately left John Watt out of the invited participants at our first meeting and suggested Peter Foster because the total priority was to have a meeting that worked smoothly. However, I believe that to exclude John Watt further when essentially all other key technical people in the UK are present is going to be very counterproductive in getting Scottish collaboration. I propose to invite him to the September meeting and I hope you will feel that my chairing to date indicates that I shall chair firmly. I do accept that there are difficulties in having the director of one unit present during the discussion of another unit. In making this point to John Watt I would stress to him the need for us to be able to ask frank questions about Liberton in order to preserve a fair balance.

With respect to the meeting on 2/3 July, I did leave feeling that the issues of diagnostic developments and genetic engineering were particularly sensitive because of the involvement of other organizations. Though short briefs on the narrow technical issues can be dealt with in the working party, I feel that the negotiation with Porton and possible industrial collaborators which will be needed to complete a technical assessment of Elstree's possible involvement are best kept out of the working party's sessions. If you agree, I will try cautiously to explore Porton's position and perhaps we should talk briefly about possible relationships on the diagnostic front which need not be reported back to the working party.

Yours sincerely,

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