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Dear Harry,

I thought the bad old days of suppression of reports, secrecy on health and safety matters, non-investigation of sensitive problems were long since over, and I thought the new directive from the top was a more open attitude to health hazards, and a willingness to investigate and control them.

The "withdrawal" of the Elmes' report, the attempt to curtail the humidifier fever survey at Hindley Green, and Mr. Marks' reluctance to forward my memo to you, all seems to contradict this. I am sure the decisions here have been well intentioned, but the overall impression is of fudge and cover up.

Isn't it time there was a coherent company-wide health and safety policy, which allows full investigation of serious health hazards, unhindered by directorial whim, which allows decision making on health priorities, and which can authorise resources to tackle health problems?

I enclose copies of my memos to Mr. Marks on the Elmes' report, and look forward to receiving your positive comments.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Tim Goffe,  
Company Medical Adviser.