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October 20, 1954

Mr. Paul M. Hahn  
President  
The American Tobacco Company  
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Dear Mr. Hahn:

We believe that the new activated charcoal filter now being used in Herbert Tareyton cigarettes violates patent rights held by our company.

We refer to the advertisement of The American Tobacco Company displayed on Page 17 of The New York Times on October 19, 1954 which states that patents are pending on the new filter.

Apropos of your company's advertisement we desire to draw attention to the enclosed copy of United States Patent No. 2,633,931 entitled, "Method For Decontaminating Hot Wet Gases or Steam." The patent application was filed October 2, 1948 by Frank L. Schneider and the corresponding patent was issued on April 7, 1953.

Chemurgic Process Corporation holds the exclusive right to the use of patent number 2,633,931 as well as certain other inventions of Dr. Schneider.

The profound importance of this patent as a basis for better public health protection may be gauged by the fact that a large insurance organization has directed special attention to it.

We enclose a copy of Engineering News Letter recently prepared and issued by The Employers' Group Insurance Companies of Boston to their nationwide staffs of industrial hygienists and safety engineers.

When the moist tobacco of a Herbert Tareyton cigarette is ignited, the tobacco is at once transformed into a hot, moist, contaminated gas.

When the smoker draws a stream of cool air through the ignited end of a Herbert Tareyton cigarette, equipped with an activated charcoal filter, the cool air promptly dilutes the hot, moist, contaminated gas thereby reducing its temperature and making possible the adsorption of the toxic substances in the gas by the activated charcoal surfaces contained in the filter.

This principle is taught very precisely in the Schneider patent. Hence it seems perfectly obvious that every smoker of an activated carbon tipped



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cigarette cannot possibly avoid contributing to the infringement of United States patent 2,633,931 rights to which are held exclusively by Chemurgic Process Corporation.

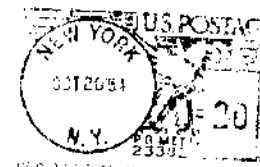
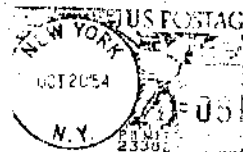
We are now engaged in the task of making arrangements for the use of our process in the various industries where it has application and are confident you will understand the need for calling this matter promptly to your company's attention.

Very sincerely yours,

Herbert B. Larner  
President

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