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Dear Gemma

Dr Smithies phoned me yesterday, and I am afraid that she has concluded she would be unable to help the Inquiry with these questions after this time. I do know that Dr Smithies gave this a lot of consideration before coming to this conclusion.

I realise this answer will be disappointing, but I hope you can appreciate why some of those involved may be reluctant to rely on memory after this time to provide answers that are not covered in the records of meeting and correspondence.

With best wishes
Patrick.

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