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THE AMERICAN TOBACCO COMPANY OF THE ORIENT INC.

Kavalla, Greece
February 24, 1973

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Dear Dr. Leake:

Our merchant contacts informed us that a number of growers in the mountainous area of Xanthi district have initiated this year a method of drying part of their tobaccos by heat.

Two to three upper hand pickings representing 30% to 40% of the production of this region are subjected to heat-drying when damp weather in early fall prevents the tobaccos from being dried out in the sun. The remainder of the crop is sun-dried, as was done in past years.

A one-kilo sample of these tobaccos from growers, sorted by us into an anticipated grade I/III is being air-mailed to you today by the firm Missirian S.A.:

Crop	: 1972
Type	: 'M' Basma
District	: Xanthi Djebel
District Symbol	: 0
Group No.	: 789

Since the 'M' type planters market is scheduled to open about mid-March, we would be interested to know if this type of tobacco is suitable. Mr. Johenning would appreciate your comments on this sample. Will you please air mail your letter to him in Izmir with copy to him at Kavalla.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A. R. Tius
Branch Manager

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