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Dear Suzie,

Thanks for your 5 November 1996 fax on the forthcoming expert consultation on carbohydrates. Your suggestions for experts to be involved are most appreciated. We will be in touch with several of the experts in the near future.

On sugar substitutes, your suggestion that these not be considered will be discussed with WHO. From the technological point of view sugars and other carbohydrates have important functional roles in food processing and sugar substitutes present certain food technology challenges. The previous FAO/WHO expert meeting on carbohydrates in human nutrition gave some consideration to sugar substitutes in the context of dental caries and recommended further work in this regard, without specifying the type of sugar substitute. While we have not yet discussed with WHO these points I anticipate that they will wish to retain this topic. Incidentally, while fat substitutes were not a major topic in the recent fats and oils expert consultation, pages 62 and 63 of the consultation report covers this topic. I would expect that any treatment of sugar substitutes in the meeting on carbohydrates would be somewhat similar.

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I will call you soon to discuss these matters.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John R. Lupien". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Lupien" clearly distinguishable.

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