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Retail Excel Progress Report

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| Submission for: | | Distribution by/to: |
| July 31 () | | DM to RSM 1st of Month |
| August 29 () | To: <u>R. W. Caldarella</u> | RSM to R.W.C. 10th |
| September 30 () | | cc: D.O.S. |
| October 31 (X) | From: <u>Kent B. Mills</u> | |
| November 28 () | | |
| December 30 () | Area: <u>5</u> Region: <u>17</u> | |

Acceptance/Response: What is the retailers response to Lorillard's Excel Merchandising plan?

Chains: This program has been successful to date with chains where our "Flex Payment" was not in place. The chains where we were using the "Flex Payment" system we have not been as successful. The P.O.S. requirements of the P-1 Plan with Oil Companies is difficult to obtain.

Independents:

Additional P.V. merchandising is being secured quickly.

Additional monies have assisted Region 17 in fighting PM Exclusives and PM/RJR co-existence situations.

Hardware Evaluation/Effectiveness: Comment on the assembly of displays and application of shields:

The displays are easily assembled and durable. Some questions have been raised concerning the inability to be flush with the counter and/or up against the register. As well as the ability to place this on the Back Bar if the settlement goes through.

Permanent Advertising Evaluation/Effectiveness/Acceptance: (P-1/P-5 & C-5 Plans Only:

Not available at this time

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