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as they have always been free to do that. But we are really going to make an effort as far as I am concerned to do some things well and to focus our research staff. So in that regard, in order to get staff working effectively in the month of June we really need to make some decisions as early as we can and I want to do this before we get into the heat of middle May and the end of May. We need to make some decisions about at least some of those things that we want them to start working on and so in that regard we are asking you this year to submit to the Executive Board by April 23rd, I passed out a little sheet to you to remind you, any interim study resolutions that you would like us to consider and to bring to our attention, if you would, any particular interim study ideas that you would like to consider as priority interim studies for exhaustive treatment. So we will do two things. We will pick out those interim studies, conferring with the different people who are interested. They will get priority treatment. In addition to that we will perform our regular function of referencing to the Standing Committees all those other resolutions that are submitted and then the Standing Committees will have the prerogative of dealing with them or not dealing with them and will make the judgment as to what extent they will be dealt with. So I hope that you will take a little time aside to think about the future and what we need to be looking at next year and the year after and submit to us some thoughtful interim study resolutions. It doesn't do any good just to say study agriculture, for example. We really need to focus in and I hope you can either later this week or over the weekend give some thought to some things you think need to be done and that we might be able to help you with. And then after April 23rd, you've submitted these, then the Exec Board sometime, on or around May 6th, will get together and identify priority resolutions. We'll get together with people who have submitted resolutions in committees and after that by May 20th we will ask the Research Department, Dick Hargesheimer's crew, to come back with us with some detailed study plans on particular resolutions so that they will know as soon as this session is over with the new directions, what they need to study, what they need to do and then perhaps later at the beginning of the summer we can pick out two or three more to focus on. But we really need to look at things in advance, and again I realize it's hard to do that at this point in time because everyone is looking at what needs to go on in late April and May, but please make