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**QUALITY ASSURANCE PRIME PIGMENTS
PROPOSED COLOR LIMITS OF C&P COLOR PIGMENTS**

C&P and F&FP are jointly establishing control limits for their color pigments. These control limits are based on current production limits. Details are given below. We are requesting the addressees to review these limits and report agreement or objections to us by April 15, 1983.

The Material Support Group has been working with the C&P Department to set up an improved quality assurance procedure covering their color pigments. In conformance to "least cost" we intend to adopt their control test procedures and control test limits (when acceptable to F&FP). Arrangements are being made that C&P will supply us with their control test results on each lot shipped (Plants as well as R&D locations). This data will be sent under separate cover (at about the same time) to both the plant and the R&D Quality Coordinators. Manufacturing and Production Technology is planning to use this data as part of their new efforts to upgrade Quality Assurance procedures in F&FP.

Please find attached agreed on tentative control limits. Please review and advise me before April 15th of any objections or recommendations. C&P is willing to further negotiate changes, if required.

The Material Support Group will begin implementation of this program shortly after April 15th. The action plan is as follows:

- Revise raw material specifications to include C&P test methods (TF), the F&FP TM number and agreed on control limits. Specify "Certification of analyses must be sent to both Plant and R&D Quality Coordinators."
- Obtain C&P approvals on the revised raw material specifications.
- Issue C&P test methods (TF) under F&FP test methods (TM) numbers.
- C&P agreed to up-grade their TF's to include the instrumental color limits. Any revision of a TF will be submitted to F&FP Raw Materials Specification Coordinator, T. A. Scully. He will arrange for necessary Specification and TM changes. (TF sub-code change.)
- Completion goal of the above steps June 15, 1983.

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