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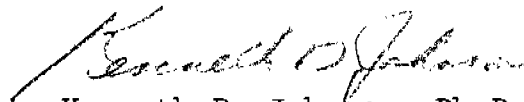
To: Technical Task Group on Vinyl Chloride Research

Subject: TV Coverage of Alleged Chemical Carcinogenesis

Genelemen:

The enclosed mailing from the MCA public relations department may be of interest to those concerned with vinyl chloride.

Sincerely,



Kenneth D. Johnson, Ph.D.
Secretary
Technical Task Group on
Vinyl Chloride Research

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To: Public Relations Committee

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a transcript for your information of a "Chemicals and Cancer" story aired over Channel 4 (NBC) local news on July 18, 1974. It is conceivable this story might spark similar ones elsewhere in the country. Should you be aware of them in advance, you might be able to contribute rational thought to the producer.

I also would appreciate receiving transcripts of any such news TV shows of which you are aware.

Sincerely,

Victor H. Peterson
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Channel 4 (NBC)
Washington, D. C.
Local News
July 18, 1974

Transcript: Chemicals and Cancer Story

(Providence Valley)

Providence has not been shining on Providence Valley. The rural community in Cecil County, Maryland, is beautiful. But many of its people are sick. A local physician says the cancer and other sicknesses can be traced to Galaxy Chemical... a chemical processing plant nestled in the valley.

Dr. Peter Capurro said he could prove the plant was discharging dangerous chemical solvents. The plant operator told Capurro to go back to Italy.

Angered, the pathologist tested the air and water around Galaxy and found they contained 25 solvents. He tested the blood of valley residents and found they contained the following solvents:

- ...acetone
- ...benzene
- ...carbon tetrachloride
- ...methyl chloride
- ...methylene chloride
- ...methyl ethyl ketone
- ...methyl isobutyl ketone
- ...tetrachloroethane
- ...toluene

(Bite of Dr. saying cause cancer)

The house of some cancer victims are for sale. Others are boarded up of those who have lived and stayed in the valley, many say they aren't well.

(Mrs. Evans describes symptoms)

Since Dr. Capurro's initial findings, pollution from the plant has been cut back. But the News 4 team could see it oozing into the creek. From the smell of the plant we all suffered nausea and cramps. The residents still suffer, too.

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(Mrs. Evans is sick)

That's been going on since the plant opened in 1961. Dr. Capurro and other residents sued the plant and won \$35,000 but they haven't been paid. The residents stay on.

(Mrs. Evans has no money)

Dr. Capurro says the valley is just a small example of what's happening nationwide. Critics say his sample is too small, but he says a major study would prove him right.

(Capurro says he asked for help)

Standup close

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