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Mr. James Shriver
Plant Manager
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Dear Mr. Shriver:

The National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) has contracted with Harvard University to provide physician services to provide medical evaluations of potential hazards in the workplace. These investigations are carried out under the authority of Section 20 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

Information submitted to NIOSH and forwarded to us alleges exposure to vinyl chloride, acrylonitrile and other chemicals. Digestive and genito-urinary tumors were also alleged.

To begin to pursue this matter under our contract, I would appreciate a meeting with you and/or your representatives. Mr. William Westendorf indicates to me that June 27, 1978 might be a suitable day. If so, we would like to meet at your plant at 10 am on that day.

We would be primarily interested in pursuing available data that could lead to a definitive answer as to whether this is or was a hazard. A plant tour could be helpful, certain company records could be helpful.

Accompanying me will be Dr. Richard Monson, Associate Professor of Epidemiology and a resident physician in our training program, yet to be determined.

I hope this date is suitable and I look forward to the visit.

Sincerely yours,

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Director, Occupational Health Program

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