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Mr. Elliot Lanson, Purchasing
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Dear Mr. Lanson:

We have been in contact with Mr. Leon Box of your company concerning the conversion of your Therminol FR system. We have not received any further word from your company and it may be your plant is still using Therminol FR fluids. If such is the case, we want to review with you the desirability of discontinuing their use.

In May, 1972 the Federal Government's Task Force on PCB's recommended against the use of PCB's as heat transfer fluids. Enclosed is a summary of their proposals. Also enclosed is a copy of a Wall Street Journal article highlighting restrictive actimn proposed by the FDA.

In April, 1972 our Mr. Papageorge sent a letter addressed to the "Plant Manager" of your plant. You may want to review this letter (copy enclosed) for additional background on this PCB subject.

We want you to be aware that some Federal and State agencies are sampling plant effluents and marine life looking for, among other things, PCB chemisty. If PCB is found, the agencies tend to determine the PCB source.

In light of the above, we believe you should seriously consider converting your Therminol FR system. In the event you have converted to a non-PCB fluid, we would appreciate knowing the disposition of the used FR containing fluids.

If there are any questions on the above, please feel free to contact me at (314) 694-2514.

Sincerely,

Paul W. Gann
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Enclosures: Federal Task Force Report
Wall Street Journal Article 3/20/72
W. B. Papageorge Letter 4/72

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