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SUBJECT Project Schedule

REFERENCE CEA 1430 and 1452

TO : Mr. W. A. Kuhn

This letter is written in response to your request for comments on W. F. Taffee's letter relating to the above subject. In his letter, he expressed an opinion that completion of the project elements of Aroclor expansion and warehouse facilities are subject to some slippage.

Walt Peterson and Boyd Hedleston (Project Managers on Aroclor expansion and warehouse respectively) have just returned from Anniston. I delayed this response until I could review the project status with them.

Attached is a combined schedule for the two projects. This is issue #4 to which Mr. Taffee referred. Since you are from CED you are aware that these schedules represent an analysis of, and a breakdown of the projects into their individual elements. These schedules are reviewed by and serve as a commitment by the many disciplines which have a vested interest.

If we now take a snapshot in time of May 20, all elements, except flaker area piping and instrument drawings, are on or ahead of schedule. These piping and instrument drawings have been delayed about two weeks while resolving a problem raised by the plant. To explain, the scope called for a rapid drum filling system but not mechanical means of handling filled drums. Plant forces could handle the drums by brute force as they now do; however, some study by both CED and the plant showed that a different type of drum filler can be used on which prepalletized drums could be filled. This is now essentially resolved and design is proceeding.

This review has been concerned with the status of 31 current activities and all preceding elements, as well as a review of the overall commitment by our people. We agree that some areas will be tight and if it doesn't stop raining at the plant, all bets are off unless we erect a big tent. Construction work lost due to rain since April 8 has amounted to 37% of regular time available.

Mr. Taffee may not appreciate the prefabricated lump sum building contracts we have on the office structure and warehouse. Once foundation work is completed, the buildings will be erected very rapidly. Prefabrication is on schedule.

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We would appreciate Mr. Taffee revealing his analytical technique on which he based his opinion.

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