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Vinyl Chloride Monomer -

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I'm glad we had the opportunity to fill you in on the potential VCM problem when you were here in December. You will recall that at that time, animal test data from Italy stressed increased lung cancer incidence in animals following inhalation of high concentrations.

The program underway in the U. S. - as announced by the NCA in June, 1973 (see news release enclosed) was to address itself more specifically to that issue. Since that time, additional European studies have shown the same type of rare liver tumors in animals that Goodrich has found. The NCA animal studies are such that they will confirm or deny this causal relationship as well.

Representatives of U. S. producers are meeting at NCA in Washington today with Dr. Roush (Dr. Kelly's associate) representing Monsanto. He should have more information for us to forward to you next week.

We have also just learned that the U. S. Department of Labor has scheduled a public hearing in February concerning the Goodrich situation.

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