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Dear Bob:

Re.: Your RMC/OA - 55 of November 10, 1976

I was very pleased to read that AgChem considers to develop an ammonia plant running on coal as the source for synthesis gas.

AN
As you know, we had a meeting about coal hydrogenation at Kniebisstrasse 16 on November 9 which was attended by Professor Gouno and one of his associates from ERDA. ERDA may perhaps participate in the pilot plant which we plan to construct at Veba-Chemie in Scholven.

AN
On this occasion we also discussed the conversion of coal, oil residuals and by-products of the refinery into synthesis gas. You know that we want to install gasification pilot plants for various processes. ERDA is also interested in these problems.

It is not our intention to use synthesis gas for production of ammonia. Our partner wants to study the development with us alone and he also requested not to make any secrecy agreements. We hope that in one year from now a little plant will have supplied us with exact data.