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R W KOCH

VICE PRESIDENT

THE FIRESTONE TIRE AND RUBBER CO

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NOW TAKING RISKS RUNNING PLANTS OVER DESIGNED CAPACITY TO MEET CUSTOMERS NEEDS FOR VINYL CHLORIDE. BE ASSURED WE ARE DOING ALL WE REASONABLY CAN TO INCREASE AVAILABILITY THROUGH PRODUCTION AND PURCHASE. WE LOST APPROXIMATELY 20-MILLION POUNDS AS RESULT OF THANKSGIVING LOUISIANA PLANT FIRE. HAVE PURCHASED THIS AMOUNT AT A LOSS IN NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, AND JANUARY TO MAKE SHIPMENTS. WE DID NOT DEFAULT BECAUSE OF FIRE. IF YOU CAN PURCHASE VINYL CHLORIDE TO KEEP PLANT RUNNING, SUGGEST YOU DO SO. SINCE WE HAVE ALREADY INCURRED SIGNIFICANT EXCESS COSTS, WE CANNOT AUTHORIZE ASSUMING EXCESS COSTS YOU MAY INCUR BY PURCHASING FROM OTHERS

G J WILLIAMS

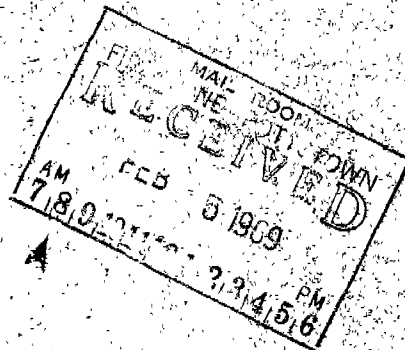
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