Inter-Office Communication

April 21, 1976

To [redacted] Hughes, Administrative Assistant
UAW Chrysler Dept.

From Ed Grant, Region 1A, UAW

Subject Health & Safety - Trenton Chemical Plant

Dear Art:

Attached you will find the Progress Report (???) you requested in your communication to me back on March 4th.

On the basis of what was accomplished since Frank Mirer's inspection tour of February 25th this report could have been compiled by phone.

However, on April 21, 1976 accompanied by Bob Smith, President of Local 372, [redacted] Bellich, Chairman of the Plant Shop Committee, [redacted] Pennington, Plant Shop Committeeman, and Gary [redacted]rell, Local Union Health and Safety, this writer retraced the footsteps taken by Frank Mirer during his tour.

M[redacted] was represented by Elmer Lombard, Plant Safety [redacted]ervisor.

While the attached report pretty much speaks for itself, it must be emphasized, in my opinion, that this Management has obviously decided that the report submitted by Mirer deserves little or not consideration, insofar as asbestos exposure is concerned.

On the other hand the general housekeeping in specific areas within each plant continues to range from "poor" to "very poor."

For these reasons, I have been advised by the Local Union Representatives that they are going to seek the authorization of the Chemical Plant membership to conduct a strike vote.

In conclusion, at the end of today's tour of inspection, the above named parties met briefly with John Lardie, Personnel Manager, and while he acknowledged the continuing problem regarding the

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housekeeping and of his plans to conduct meetings with supervision to take corrective action to clean the plants up, he adamantly supported management's Corporate Industrial Hygiene people, as well as OSHA standards, that the plant is within "reasonable limits" insofar as asbestos exposure is concerned.

Mr. [redacted] was advised that this type of attitude could very possibly place management on a collision course with our union.

Please advise if I can be of further assistance in this matter.

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[redacted] R. Grant
Acting Assistant Director

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