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Dear Mr. Murray:

Thank you for your letter of August 26, 1970. Welcome Aboard. I would like to meet you as you suggested and talk about the Plant Occupational Health Program. In case you haven't seen them, I would recommend you review the following:

I. Industrial Hygiene Surveys performed at Port Allegany since 1965:

April 14-15, 1966 by the Industrial Hygiene Foundation
April, 1967 by U. S. Public Health Service
August 27-28, 1968 by Morton Corn, Ph.D.
August and September, 1968 by Harwood S. Belding, Ph.D.

II. My Report of a visit made October 25-28, 1965.

These should bring you up-to-date on environmental conditions. You may also be interested in knowing that I have recommended to both George Gregory and Sandy Holman that Dr. Corn be requested to re-survey the unibestos operation, in particular, to evaluate the effectiveness of the recently installed ventilation system.

Now to get to the questions raised by Dr. Tanaka of the Department of Health, State of Pennsylvania -

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT WV-11082

First, if there were a skin problem in foam glass finishing and fabricating, I was not aware of it. Please review our First-Aid and Doctor Case experience for the past twelve months in regard to skin problems and send it to me.

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT 9120

Second, Dr. Tanaka's recommendations are very reasonable from an occupational medical viewpoint and should be our normal practice now, if they haven't been in the past. I would add one recommendation. The importance of good personal hygiene and thorough wash-up at the end of the shift should be stressed, particularly for any employee susceptible to skin problems.

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Third, forget the use of "skin ointments or creams."

Fourth, as a general principal, persons who have, or have a history of, skin problems should not be employed in work involving hazards that would affect the skin.

Any time you plan to come to General Office, let me know and maybe we can get together. If arrangements can be made, I may be in Port Allegany during the first few days of deer season.

Sincerely,

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