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TO: Harry Turk
Arthur, Dry & Kalish

FROM: Walter D. Harris, Ph. D.

DATE: October 26, 1973

SUBJECT: Epidemiological study at Painesville and Monochem

URGENT

Uniroyal is cooperating in a retrospective study of death records of workers who have been exposed to vinyl chloride monomer. The study is being carried out by Tabershaw Cooper Associates, Inc. and is being coordinated through Manufacturing Chemists Association.

Enclosed is recent correspondence regarding how they would like to determine which terminated employees have died so that they can then go about determining cause of death thru public records. I have discussed this with Dr. Forbes, Mr. Lowell and Mr. Gordon Anderson. All are in agreement that the proposed form letter is satisfactory. We feel that the approach through credit agencies and drivers license bureaus would be too expensive and would not be very effective.

Inasmuch as I have already held this up because I was out of the office, I would appreciate your prompt attention so that we will not unduly delay this study. It is most important that it be completed before an international meeting in Italy in October 1974.

Sincerely,

Walter D. Harris

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Enclosures: 2

cc: G. A. Anderson
R. E. Lowell
J. D. Forbes, M. D.
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UNIROYAL CHEMICAL
Division of UNIROYAL, Inc.

October 22, 1973

Dr. W. D. Harris
OXFORD

Re: MCA Vinyl Chloride Monomer Animal Feeding
Program

As I told you today we are not anxious to commit large UNIROYAL expenditures to this kind of program. It sounds like it could become very complicated and very expensive. UNIROYAL has no commercial interest in the beverage container market. I believe further that ecological concerns may continue to plague the PVC bottle program and inhibit growth even if this feeding study proves that residual VCM is not a problem.


R. L. Knapp

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cc: CDMcCleary

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October 8, 1973

Dr. Kenneth D. Johnson
Secretary
Technical Task Group on
Vinyl Chloride Research
Manufacturing Chemists Association
1825 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20009

Dear Ken:

This is in reply to your letter of September 27. My feeling is that the Food and Drug Research proposal may be the most realistic though Snell offers more alternatives. However, I would not oppose choice of Snell if the majority chose them.

Very truly yours,

Dr. D. Harris 
W. D. Harris, Ph. D.
Corporate Industrial Toxicologist

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cc: D. E. Dudrow
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