

MONSANTO CHEMICAL COMPANY

FROM LOCATION Saint Louis 66, Missouri

DATE April 5, 1962

SUBJECT

REFERENCE

TO : Mr. Paul W. Edwards
Nitro

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Paul:

You asked me to give you my impression of the change in the Nitro Plant judging by my previous visits.

I think, on the whole, the dust situation is considerably better than at any time I have seen it previously. Of course one or two of the areas that Jack commented upon were not running at the time I was there. For example, the dry drumming of Santomarse was not being carried out. In Building 45, the Santocure Department was not running. On the whole, however, things were considerably better. I was especially pleased in Building 34. Obviously, without changing the centrifuges it would be hard to get further improvement but I hope your plan for a new manufacturing unit is approved.

The one point we both talked about was the general disregard of the workers and some of the supervision for general cleanliness. This certainly is in evidence outside the locker rooms and in the lunch room. Papers, trash, cigarette butts, food wrappings, etc., seemed to be discarded with no thought to pride in surroundings. I know this reflects their general upbringing but there must be some way to elevate their standards. This is not a medical recommendation, but I think there would be a carry-over into department cleanliness and housekeeping which would have medical implications.

I certainly don't want to pose as an expert or to infer that you don't recognize and appreciate the problem. Let's hope, however, somebody might come up with an answer.

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