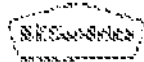


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The H.F. Goodrich Company

October 18, 1966

H.F. Goodrich Co.
P.O. Box 100, 1000
Vill. Park Center, Ill.
Chicago 90, Ill.Dr. R.A. Echols
University of Cincinnati
Kettering Laboratory
Cincinnati 19, Ohio

Dear Doctor Echols:

This will confirm our conversation that occurred in your office on October 12 and our subsequent phone conversation on October 13.

We would like to have the Kettering Laboratory assist us in determining the cause of hand disabilities that have occurred over the past several years among a few of our polyethylene cleaners at our Louisville, Kentucky Plant.

As I discussed with you on the phone on the 13th, the first step we believe to be, is a review by your personnel of the individual medical files of the five cases that I briefly reviewed with you on October 12. We have arranged to have this done by Dr. Housh and Mr. Tye at the Louisville Plant on October 20. As a result of my visit to this plant, I found that we have performed hand x-rays on approximately 50% of the sixty-seven polyethylene cleaners in this Plant, and have observed no bone changes. By the time Dr. Housh arrives, there will undoubtedly be additional personnel that have been examined. Dr. Housh will also find that each of the five affected individuals have had very thorough medical work-ups including examinations by an internist and a dermatologist. Copies of these reports have been sent directly to Dr. Housh from the Louisville Plant.

Subsequent to Dr. Housh's visit, I would like to have you call me, preferably on the afternoon of October 22 or any time on October 23, to decide upon a future course of action. It would be my own thinking that we should have a meeting following this telephone conversation to agree upon some specific steps.

Very truly yours,

W.F. McCormick, Manager
Department of Industrial
Hygiene and Toxicology

cc: Dr. George Housh

WFM/jc

Summary and Recommendations of the November 2, 1964, meeting
at the B.F. Goodrich Chemical Company, Louisville, Kentucky

Company personnel attending: Dr. R. B. Wilson, Dr. J. L. Creech, W. H. Baughman, W. B. McCormick, L. G. Crumpton, R. F. Mahan, D. O. Bolly.
Kettering Laboratory personnel: Dr. Roush and Dr. Kahoe.

1. Dr. Roush and Dr. Creech will in the near future re-examine the present five cases for the purpose of obtaining the best definition of the disease process and to determine the best screening procedure for this syndrome. Dr. Roush and Dr. Creech will write their findings and the Kettering Laboratory will study them. The resulting recommendations will be forwarded to Dr. Wilson.
2. Dr. Roush will contact the Edinburgh, Scotland Radiologist for more information regarding the relationship of Reynold's Phenomena and a copolymer of polyvinylchloride.
3. Dr. Kahoe, Dr. Wilson and Mr. McCormick will contact medical personnel of large companies in the vinyl industry to see if they have seen this Phenomena. Mr. McCormick will obtain the names of the companies to contact and will coordinate the making of these contacts with Dr. Kahoe and Dr. Wilson.
4. Dr. Creech and Dr. Roush will make a master operandi for the covation of the literature on this disease process. A written bibliography will be the responsibility of Dr. Roush.
5. Dr. Wilson, Mr. Baughman and Mr. McCormick will determine a method of contacting the B.F. Goodrich Chemical Company plant physicians to see if this disease process has occurred in their plants and Dr. Wilson and Mr. McCormick will determine if other B.F. Goodrich plants should be contacted regarding the same. Dr. Creech will furnish six (6) sets of colored pictures of the hands of [REDACTED]
6. Dr. Creech will secure and distribute a report of the skin biopsy slide which has been sent to the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology.

November 26, 1966

Mr. W. E. McCormick, Manager
Department of Industrial Hygiene and Toxicology
The B. F. Goodrich Company
500 South Main Street
Akron, Ohio 44316

Dear Sir:

In response to your request at Louisville, I am sending herewith a memo prepared by Mr. Leach, our Business Manager, which represents some approximation, at least, of the expenses, past and future, which seems likely to be associated with our investigation as previously agreed upon.

I hope this will be satisfactory for your purposes. If you have any questions or comments, do not hesitate to let me know.

Incidentally, the item of mine and George Rosen for travel to Louisville could not be handled through the University and so I included them in the overall cost of this project. Any future travel, arranged in advance, will be handled within the University procedure. This is a more detail, but the University will not, and cannot, without great difficulty, handle these except on a tax-free basis, and this is why I had to handle this in a personal manner.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Kehoe, Ed. D.

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Enc.

P.S. The amount of the item, which has now been paid to me, was \$22.38, as indicated by my pencil notation.