PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

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Dear Sir:

The Industrial Hygiene Foundation is currently engaged in a sponsored research project, the object of which is to evaluate the actual magnitude of the problem of dermatitis in industry, and the relative importance of various materials as skin irritants.

One important phase of this study will necessitate an epidemiologic investigation among a representative sample of industrial plants. The sample has been constructed by our biostatisticians through random selection from lists of plants in certain industrial categories. We are now seeking the cooperation of those companies whose plants are included in the sample. The plant of the General Dynamics Corporation located at Bayonne, New Jersey is among those selected and we would very much appreciate an opportunity to visit this plant to explain our study and discuss the data which we wish to obtain.

Any information gathered in your plant will be held in strictest confidence, and your company will not be identified in any way in the completed study. If you wish, however, the Foundation will be happy to analyze the data from your plant and give you a confidential report dealing with your own experience and a comparison with the findings for industry, generally.

We sincerely hope that you will cooperate with the Foundation in this study, and that we may hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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