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1978 June 29

RE: PHASE II, MORTALITY STUDY - ALUMINUM SMELTERS

Confirming our phone conversation, Dr. Howard Rockette of the University of Pittsburgh will be contacting you shortly relative to the captioned. The attached letter, sent out earlier to our prebake plants, explains the purpose of his intended forthcoming visit to Point Comfort. You can get such details as you need from him when he contacts you. We will appreciate any help that you and your people are able to provide him.

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Att.

cc:
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RE: PHASE II, MORTALITY STUDY - ALUMINUM SMELTERS

As all of you are doubtlessly aware, the Aluminum Association's recently completed mortality study of the aluminum smelting industry resulted in inconclusive findings. On the other hand, these same findings did suggest the possibility of excessive disease within certain operations. Because of these suggestions, the three major companies involved in this study (Alcoa, Kaiser and Reynolds) felt the necessity to further analyze the data in this study. The three companies have contracted with the University of Pittsburgh to perform a second phase of the mortality study. Work on this phase is just beginning.

One of the first and most critical tasks of Phase II is to perform certain quality control measures to assure the accuracy of the basic data collected during Phase I. Specifically, each of the plants included in the study will be visited by a member of the researcher's staff who will sample your personnel records to determine if the abstracted records in Phase I include all eligible workers. This will require some additional assistance from your personnel people whose help with the earlier work of Phase I was invaluable.

Within the near future you will be contacted by Dr. Howard E. Rockette, project director, who will wish to arrange a mutually convenient time for a visit to your plant. At that time he can fill you in on the details of his needs. Both we and Dr. Rockette will greatly appreciate your assistance in seeing that he and his people obtain the information needed to permit the continuation of this important study. Meanwhile if you require any further clarification of the above, please let me know.

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