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Dept. of Labor and Industries
Div. of Occupational Hygiene,
286 Congress Street, Boston 10

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Dr. David Lester
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Dear Dr. Lester:

According to Keith Jacobson, you have done some work with vinyl chloride, which disagrees to some extent with recent findings published by the group from the Dow Chemical Co.

Based on the Dow report, I have submitted a recommendation to the Threshold Limits Committee of the A.C.G.I.H. that the limit for vinyl chloride be reduced from 500 to 50 ppm.

If your work would indicate that such a reduction is not in order, I would greatly appreciate your letting me know before any action is taken. So far as I know, none of the other members of the committee have any first hand experience with this material, and have to base our action on published reports and communications from others who are familiar with it.

We will be interested in hearing your paper at the Industrial Hygiene Conference, but would not ordinarily postpone our action in the threshold limit unless your observations indicated that such action was inadvisable.

Very truly yours,

Hervey B. Elkins, Director.

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Copy to: Dr. Keith Jacobson

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