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Dear Joe:

I am in receipt of a letter from Dr. Tepper suggesting that we go ahead and arrange for a consultation through Gainesville of our two chief problem children, [REDACTED]. Dr. Tepper states that Mr. Everett Mills, "who knows how these things are handled, suggested that you send the men, ask that billings be sent to you, and pass these charges via your bill to APCI. Any travel expenses would be reimbursed directly by APCI to the employee."

Dr. Kushner was still quite insistent that this is what we ought to do. Dr. Tepper was a little more lukewarm about it. Personally, I suspect it ought to be done if for no other motive than to completely fulfil our responsibility in case of future suit.

If you want me to proceed with arrangements at Gainesville, let me know and I will call Dr. Kniffen again and make the arrangements. It might be just as well to send them both together.

Incidentally, I have already found a couple things wrong with the new flow sheet. Back to the old drawing board! Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Barkley Beidleman

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P.S. Lloyd Tepper also agrees that we should use 125 as the upper limits of normal for the SMA-performed alkaline phosphatase. Therefore, from now on, we will not report it as abnormal unless it is above that value. Please let B.B. know!

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Dear Joe:

I have talked with Dr. Kuschner. He reviewed the liver biopsies on [REDACTED] and found absolutely no evidence of any change attributable to exposure to vinyl chloride monomer.

He also reviewed the slides that Dr. Dan Lucas provided of a liver biopsy on a former employee. Again, this showed some fatty infiltration but no evidence of vinyl chloride damage. I don't recall that one's name.

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Finally, on people like [REDACTED] et al, once we have studied them exhaustively, including a negative liver scan, he feels that we can just check a complete laboratory profile every six months.

Finally, Dr. Kuschner wanted us to consider finding a liver expert in this area who could review all of the information and see the patients like [REDACTED]. I have talked with Dr. Kniffen at West Florida Regional Hospital in Gainesville, who is the nearest thing we have to a hepatologist in this area. He is anxious to review the information and see the men. Dr. Kuschner is particularly interested in an opinion about just the abnormal liver function tests, not particularly a possible relationship to vinyl chloride, as I understand it. He was going to clear this with Mr. Watson. Dr. Kniffen has been taking care of several of our patients with active aggressive hepatitis, using steroids and immunosuppressants and should be able to help us, hopefully. Best personal wishes. [I don't know how your liver function test turned out so well!]

Sincerely,

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