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October 16, 1972

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Dear Mr. Altemus:

This is a follow-up letter to the one Mr. Calkins wrote you on April 26, 1972, concerning the conversion of your Therminol FR system. Since we have received no further word from your company, it may be your plant is still using Therminol FR fluids. If such is the case, we want to review with you once again the desirability of discontinuing their use.

In May, 1972 the Federal Government's Task Force on PCB's recommended against the use of PCB's as heat transfer fluids. Enclosed is a summary of their proposals. Also enclosed is a copy of a Wall Street Journal article highlighting restrictive action proposed by the FDA.

In April, 1972 our Mr. Papageorge sent a letter addressed to the "Plant Manager" of your plant. You may want to review this latter (copy enclosed) for additional background on this PCB subject.

We want you to be aware that some Federal and State agencies are sampling plant effluents and marine life looking for, among other things, PCB chemistry. If PCB is found, the agencies tend to determine the PCB source.

In light of the above, we believe you should seriously consider converting your Therminol FR system.

We would appreciate your reviewing this matter with your management and advising me of your plans to convert.

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In the event you have converted to a non-PCB fluid, we would appreciate knowing the disposition of the used FR containing fluids.

If there are any questions on the above, please feel free to contact me at (314) 694-2514.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:
Federal Task Force Report
Wall Street Journal Article 3/20/72
W. B. Papageorge Letter 4/72

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