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To the Designated Representatives of
Companies indicating Support of Research
on the Carcinogenic Potential of Vinyl Chloride

This copy for Mr. W. S. Ferguson

Information copies to: --> Dr. W. A. Knapp
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Dear Sirs:

Since my March 13th letter was sent to you, additional replies have increased to 17 the number of companies committing financial support, plus one indicating probable support but not definite commitment. These companies are as follows:

Air Products & Chemicals	Monsanto
Allied Chemical	Olin
Borden	PPG Industries*
Conoco	Shell*
Dow	Standard Oil (N.J.)*
Ethyl*	Stauffer
Firestone Plastics*	Tenneco*
B. F. Goodrich*	Union Carbide
ICI America*	UNIROYAL

Companies marked with an asterisk have not yet furnished vinyl chloride monomer plus polyvinyl chloride production capacity (publicly disclosed figures) on which to base a pro-ration of project costs.

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Meanwhile, as indicated in my letter of the 13th, the Ad Hoc Planning Group met on March 22 as planned, and the revised program they now recommend is detailed on the attached sheet. Except for restricting the testing of acetylene-derived monomer to a single exposure level, this represents only minor changes in the

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animal studies. It does, however, eliminate the epidemiology study, the idea being to defer it for separate consideration depending on the outcome of the animal studies.

It will be necessary to obtain a revised quotation from Industrial Bio-Test Laboratories, Inc., for the animal studies. The Planning Group estimates laboratory costs at about \$150,000; allowing \$5,000 to defray the cost of the monomer supply and \$10,000 as contingency would round out the total to about \$165,000, over a three-year period.

Several companies urged that a review meeting be called of representatives of all the prospective sponsors, including management as well as technical representatives if desired, before presenting any revised program for formal approval and specific financial commitment. In response to that desire, a meeting for this purpose is scheduled for Thursday, April 20, at the MCA offices beginning at 10 AM, and a reply sheet to indicate attendance is enclosed. It will be helpful, of course, if those attending are able to make tentative commitments on the company's behalf, in order to expedite final resolution of the program.

A letter is also being sent to the other companies previously contacted in this connection, on the chance that some might reconsider participation.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures

cc: Dr. K. D. Johnson
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