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Dear Mr. Tanzilli:

As we discussed by telephone on 2 February 1983, I would appreciate receiving any current information on residual vinyl chloride monomer in the plastisol or paste resins of the type used for pacifiers and infant toys. The Commission has been investigating the presence of several carcinogenic chemicals in children's products, including pacifiers. We have recently completed studies on the leaching of di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate from pacifiers made of polyvinyl chloride plastic.

Recently, questions have been raised on the potential exposure of children to residual levels of vinyl chloride monomer. The Commission has not initiated any testing to determine current levels. I am interested in determining if the industry has any data base of information on the current levels in pvc used for pacifiers or other infant products and on whether any simulated saliva leaching studies have been conducted. I would also be interested in your opinion of how representative your data would be of other U.S. or foreign manufacturer's products.

I would appreciate any information that your company could provide. Please do not hesitate to call me at (301)492-6957 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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