ATTACHMENT 1

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Dear Dave:

The Inter-Industry Aerosol Safety Committee at their January 20, 1977 meeting discussed the problem of the reliability of the sputum cytology data in the University of Washington project: "Occupational Health Study of Cosmetologists in Washington". Your previous suggestion to Drs. Wolcott and Wulf during their October visit, i.e. that the specific prevalence data not be included in the final report because of equivocal interpretation due to the specimen quality problem, was not acceptable to the committee. This decision was based upon industry's desire to present all data for scientific review and thereby eliminate any question of suppression of data. However, at the January 20th meeting Dr. Saccomanno of the committee's expert panel reported that the quality of the sputum specimens was so poor and the interpretations so unreliable that the data were almost worthless. Upon consideration of this critique the committee now agrees with your suggestion.

The existance of the data, of course, must be acknowledged and its evaluation made by you. If you decide to lend credence to the data the committee would like the opportunity to consider the possibility of a third party review.

Feel at liberty to discuss this matter with Dr. Saccomanno. Please contact me if we can be of assistance in expediting the issuance of the final report.

Cordially,

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