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FROM: Warren J. Smith, Chairman of the Board

SUBJECT: Board of Trustees Meeting

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A meeting of the Board of Trustees was originally scheduled for June 6, 1980, in Washington, D.C. Due to conflicting schedules, this meeting will be rescheduled for late July. We will inform you of the new date shortly.

Enclosed please find a Board of Trustees Membership List. If any of the information is incorrect, please contact Jane Hall of our office on 202/463-6081. Also enclosed is a Description of the Workers' Institute for Safety and Health.

In response to the first Board meeting, last August, the Board has been completed by nominating seven additional members (list attached). They have accepted the nomination, and to expedite our efforts (as well as to limit the number of Board meetings) Jane will be in touch with you for a phone ballot next week. Upon your approval, the nominated members will be asked to attend the next Board meeting. I hope this procedure is acceptable to you.

Enclosures

cc: Knut Ringen
Board Secretary

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Membership List
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WORKERS INSTITUTE FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH

DESCRIPTION

The Workers Institute for Safety and Health fills the critical need to (1) identify information concerning the special safety and health hazards of workers and their families, and (2) marshal human, monetary and material resources to assist in their control. The Institute accomplishes these purposes through research and education, in collaboration with other elements of the labor movement and the scientific community, as an independent, not-for-profit, tax-exempt organization.

To prevent exposure to hazards that are factors of disease and injury, to intervene in the process that results in such effects, and encourage the development of effective treatment of diseased and injured workers and their families, the Institute accepts, administers and coordinates resources from the labor movement, government and private sector organizations. It is empowered to focus these resources on behalf of, and in fulfillment of, organized labor and the needs of the working men and women of this nation, through a board of governors elected from the ranks and officers of American unions and labor bodies by the founding trustees.

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The Institute is incorporated in Columbus, Ohio. Founding trustees are Jacob Clayman, President, Industrial Union Department (AFL-CIO); Warren Smith, Secretary-Treasurer, Ohio AFL-CIO; Peter Bommarito, President, United Rubber Workers; J. C. Turner, President, The Operating Engineers; William Lucy, Secretary-Treasurer, State, County and Municipal Employees; George Parker, President, Flint Glass Workers; George Perkel, Director of Health and Safety, Clothing and Textile Workers; George Taylor, Director of

Health and Safety, AFL-CIO; Fred Hoehler, Director, George Meany Center for Labor Studies; Leonard Smith, Secretary-Treasurer, Kentucky AFL-CIO; and Sheldon W. Samuels, Director of Health, Safety and Environment, Industrial Union Department (AFL-CIO).

In collaboration with the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, the Institute's initial project will assist workers who have a high risk of cancer because of past exposure to cancer-causing agents such as beta-Naphthylamine and asbestos.

Scientific Advisory Committee

To ensure the utmost scientific quality in its programs of research and development, WISH is establishing a Scientific Advisory Committee to evaluate the design and execution of programs. Members of the Scientific Advisory Committee will include outstanding scientists in the fields of occupational and environmental health and medicine, community medicine, and labor and health education. Professor Irving J. Selikoff, Director of the Environmental Sciences Laboratory, Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City, has accepted to serve as chairman of this committee. Other leading scientists will be appointed in the near future.

Facilities

Facilities for the project are being provided by WISH in its secretariat in Columbus, Ohio, and in its satellite office in Washington, D.C. Both sites are housed in AFL-CIO buildings, which have excellent facilities in terms of office equipment, communication technology and access to academic and technical resources.

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Howard D. Samuel
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--- Also nominated as Chairman of Program
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