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**General Atomics
San Diego, California**

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Dear Hank:

I am attaching a copy of E. R. Erskine's Activity Report covering a discussion with Dr. R. A. Sharp of General Atomics in San Diego, California, on the handling of AK-33X.

It is possible that you might want to forward this report on to our Detroit laboratory so that they would be aware of Dr. Sharp's attitude--should he request an additional supply.

If you have further suggestions, please let us know.

Yours very truly,

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A. H. Chenault

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ACTIVITY REPORT

Company General Atomics

Date 9/11/58

Location San Diego, California

Subject AK-33X Sample

(One subject only. Separate reports on separate subjects.)

Name Dr. R. A. Sharp

Title - -

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Contacted General Atomics at San Diego. Talked to Purchasing Agent and a Dr. R. A. Sharp. Left copy of "Laboratory Use of Ethyl Antiknock Compound" with AK-33X supplement for Dr. Sharp. He disagreed with our handling methods. He said he planned to handle this material as he would benzene. I explained our recommended handling procedures. He expressed his own views pointing out the fact he had worked with the man who discovered a solid manganese compound much like our product, but without the methyl group.

He stated this material AK-33X was not hazardous. It would be handled in a hood as it was the easiest method of using it.

Told him I'd relay his views on handling product to our people and suggested he handle product per our instructions.

Sharp interested in price on product. At this contact Sharp said sample had not been used.

Conversation with Sharp was via phone. Hood inspection not made.

Action taken or required BY WRITER: Regardless of our suggested precautions in handling material, I feel Sharp will handle as he sees fit. Please advise.

(Use separate communication to request action by other people or departments)

cc: A. H. Chenault

Signed E. R. Erskine

Responsible Region

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