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Subject: Chemical Regulation Reporter,
May 27, 1983, "OSHA Vinyl
Chloride Case Was Lesson to
Heed Animal Data, Infante
Maintains"

I have investigated thoroughly my files on vinyl chloride since our discussion on July 21, 1983. Attached is my letter to B. F. Goodrich's attorney and to our attorney Mr. R. L. Hollingshead, on the subject.

Dr. Infante or the reporter put two items separated by two years together and implied that industry withheld data from the public and governmental agencies.

The first item refers to my memorandum to Dr. Dernehl, et al, dated November 23, 1971. The discussion of publishing Dr. Viola's work in the U.S. relates to the anticipated results of publication, not to suppressing it. Dr. Viola's paper had been published in Cancer Research, May, 1971 and he had told Dr. Lane and others at the May 5, 1971 meeting, that he was continuing work at lower exposure levels. The results of any further work were never available in the U.S. except word of mouth.

The second item directly attributed to Union Carbide Corporation internal correspondence was drawn from my memorandum on a meeting with NIOSH, July 19, 1973 which states:

"The objectives (of the NIOSH meeting) were to apprise NIOSH of vinyl chloride studies in progress and to avoid over-reaction by the Department of Labor and NIOSH should data become available from this or other sources."

Interestingly, the European sponsor's of Maltoni did not give MCA permission to reveal their work until the July 19, 1973 meeting with NIOSH. At the Second International Symposium on Cancer Detection and Prevention at Bologna, April 9-12, 1973, Dr. Maltoni gave a paper entitled "Occupational Carcinogenesis" which gave more data on his work than MCA had for the NIOSH meeting. (A copy is attached along with MCA's chronology of events.) UCC and others

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could hardly suppress data which was available to the Symposium in April, 1973.

If Dr. Infante chooses to quote from illegally obtained UCC correspondence, he should at least quote a whole sentence and explain how to keep data confidential while revealing it to NIOSH.


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Attachments

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