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July 18, 1980.

MR. MONROE HARRIS
SR. VICE PRESIDENT
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Dear Mac:

Thank you for your congratulations and any assistance that we may receive from you.

I appreciate very much all your advises regarding the environmental and health problems given to me. Be sure that the improvement on these matters are priorities for me and in particular, at this moment, the project to eliminate the silica primary milling at Asbestos de Mexico, and the creation of a medical clinic for health control to assist all our employees.

In the morning of July 8, I gave Mr. Reitze a summary on the projects regarding the environmental control that have been approved in our Investment Plan. I asked him to send me the results of his recent visit to our asbestos using plants, which I have not receive yet, as well as to suggest those projects that were not included in our programs and he considers importants to be added for our different plants, and to let me know their priority to analyze them including their cost in order to propose such projects to the Board as soon as possible.

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Yesterday, I gave instructions to establish the respiratory wearing program at the Guadalajara and Hermosillo plants and as I mentioned above, you can be sure that I will do my best efforts to improve our environmental conditions in Mexico. I will be glad to inform you of the progress on them every three months.

Sincerely,

JOSE GRINDA

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July 10, 1980

Sr. Jose Grinda
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Dear Jose:

I understand that you are the newly appointed General Manager for the Asbestos de Mexico operations. My congratulations to you.

I am writing this letter about the most recent dust surveys that were performed by our Mr. Bill Reitze at your asbestos-using plants within Mexico. As you will agree, there are some very serious problems, particularly at the Guadalajara and Hermosilla plants. In the past, I have been working with Ricardo Cabrera, indicating to him that it is absolutely essential to clean up these plant operations. In fact, I have been through the plant at Barrientos and have noted much progress in the past two-three years.

I strongly urge that you (as the new Manager) take personal charge to see that these environmental problems are corrected in the shortest possible period of time. I am suggesting that you immediately put into effect a mandatory respiratory-wearing program at the Guadalajara and Hermosilla plants, if this has not already been done. This should be followed up by proper engineering controls to get the dust counts down below 2 fibres and the correction of all of the individual problems pointed out in the dust surveys for each plant.

The dust levels, as they now exist, are unacceptable and are causing disease among your employees. I am disappointed that more progress has not been made, particularly in view of prior assurances made to me by the management of Asbestos de Mexico. To reduce your own and your company's liability, I suggest that you give dust control your Number 1 priority above all other things.

Also, it is necessary for me, as a supplier of asbestos fibre to your company, to assure that our liability is no longer exposed. Therefore, I request that you inform me on the actions you have taken, and follow this up with periodic reports every three months until the next dust surveys are scheduled.

As long as you are making progress in eliminating this problem and are enforcing a respirator-wearing program, we can continue to ship fibre to you. However, if the proper precautions are not taken and with the proper sense of urgency, we will have no choice but to stop shipping our asbestos fibre to you.

We will help you in every way possible, so please ask us for any assistance needed.

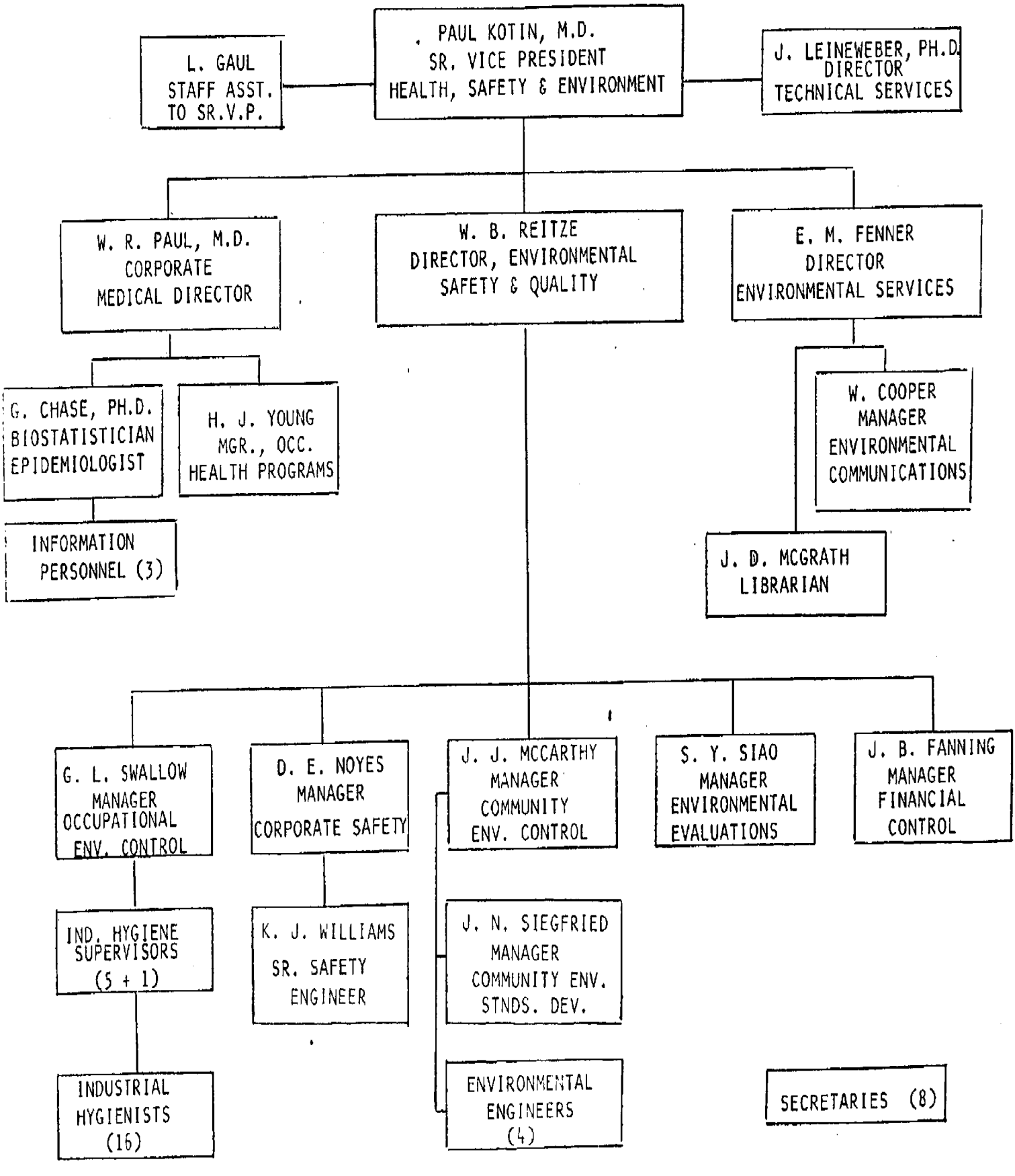
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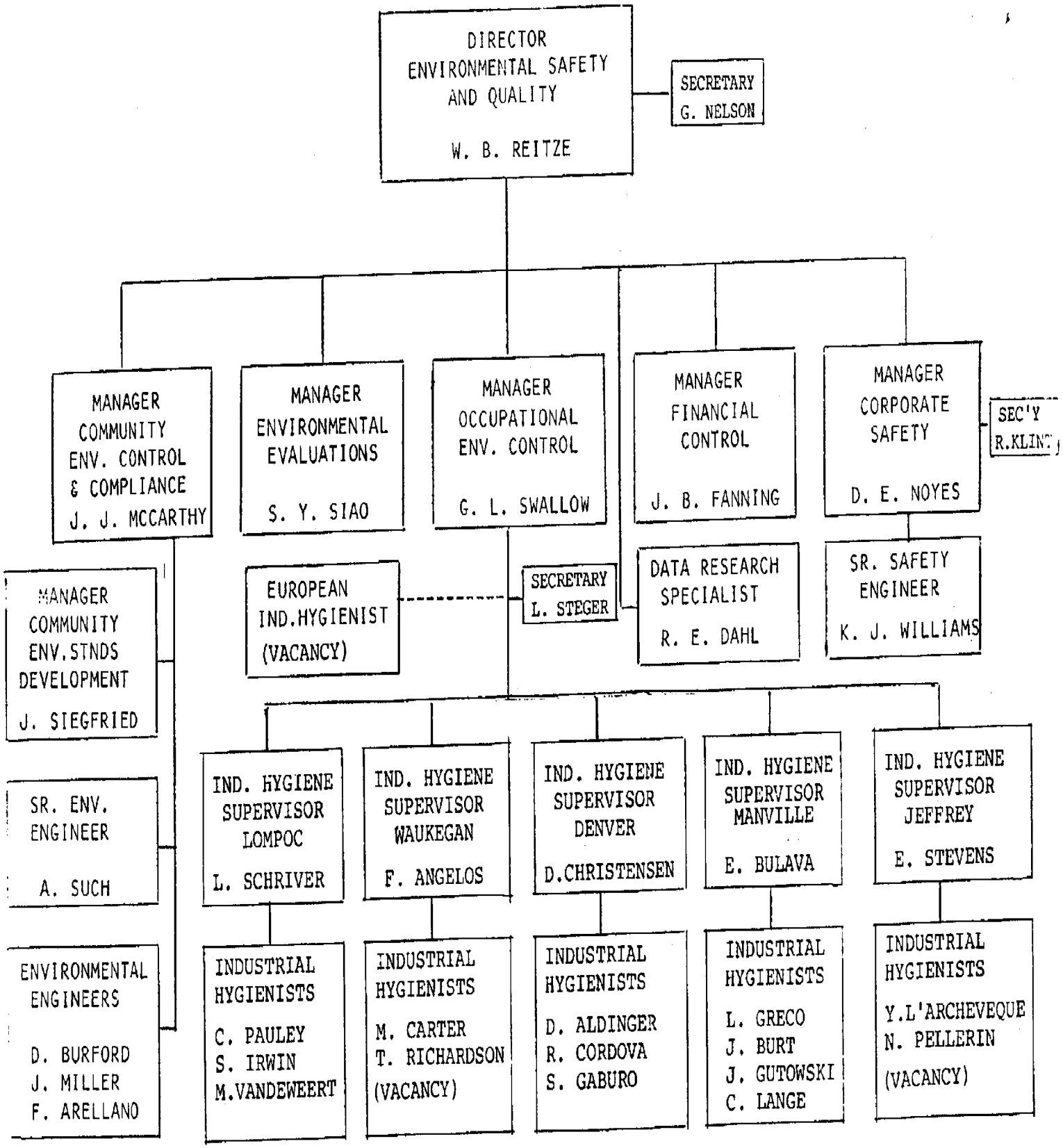
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