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Your ref Our ref BB/MO Tel ext 332 Date 8 Nov 84

Dear Carol,

Thank you very much for meeting me in Washington and for giving me so much of your time. When we met, I promised to send you a copy of the UK VCM Code of Practice and the Guidance Note which goes with the Code of Practice, and the document "VCM and you", which is a document which will be given to each worker who works with VCM. The first two documents will be issued in the near future and, it is believed, in the present format. The latter document, "VCM and you", I anticipate will be altered, though the information will be in a similar vein. The changes I anticipate are on page 2, and the words, 'similar to Banti's Syndrome' will be removed, and on the penultimate page, health checks will not be offered to individuals if they cease to become a Registered worker. (In my area, we do offer medical examinations to individuals who remain within the Site perimeters, even though they are not registered. I am the only Works in the UK that offers this service).

I am also enclosing, as promised, the IOM Vinatex full and published report, along with Geoff Paddle's critique for you to use in any way you see fit.

I would like to mention the various surveys which are ongoing in the world at present with reference to VCM. I did mention these when we spoke, but feel it might be better to detail these for your information :

1) C.M.A.

I have written to Sir Richard Doll, asking about the possibility of he himself reviewing all the epidemiological data base, in order to perform a critical review for industry. I will forward the reply when I receive it.

- 2) Sir Richard Doll and myself are in the process of writing a Paper for publication with reference to the ASL Register. We are being helped by David Forman, who works for Sir Richard Doll, and therefore his name will go on the Paper. I myself have insisted that John Stafford's name should also be included.

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From
Dr B Bennett

To
Dr C Stack

8 Nov 84

I hope to acquire the results of all this ongoing research when the various projects have been completed. I will therefore forward copies to you when I receive them. Likewise, I will send a copy of the Norsk Hydro Asbestos/Melanoma Paper, and the letter from the Chief Medical Officer of Norsk Hydro, refuting the Heldaas conclusions, when these are to hand.

I have just received from Geoff Paddle a copy of the letter from William R. Gaffey, Monsanto, with reference to the Heldaas Paper, which appears to be in line with the Geoff Paddle thinking. I should be grateful to receive any such documents which you feel will be of interest to me in the future.

I am also enclosing, as promised, a copy of the ASL Register.

Once again, I would like to thank you for meeting with me during my visit to the States, and if I can be of any help in the future, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

B. Bennett

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PS I have spoken to some of the UK PVC/VCM producers, and I am getting a positive response to funding of the CMA Study.

(Similar correspondence to : Dr M N Johnson
Dr T R Torkelson)

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