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SUBJECT: J. R. SIMPLOT/CLEAVER BROOKS

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Grant, one of your accounts, J. R. Simplot, formerly Foremost, Inc., formerly Jiffy Fry, Inc. contacted Cleaver Brooks recently and requested a meeting. The history goes something like this:

Jiffy Fry converted from Therminol FR-1 to Therminol 66. The system was designed by a Mr. Walt David, Project Engineer from Key Equipment Company. He evidently was in contact with Jim Roder on this system during the changeover. At any rate, they encountered problems with mechanical seals and refused to pay their bills. Eventually, a settlement was made, but relationships between Jiffy Fry and Monsanto were strained.

To complicate matters, an employee of Jiffy Fry, a Mr. Seconyers was sprayed with some hot Therminol when an expansion joint corroded through. He sued Jiffy Fry and Monsanto and we are now in the midst of that litigation. In the meantime, Jiffy Fry was bought by Foremost and then Foremost was bought by J. R. Simplot.

That brings us to the present. Simplot, who are anxious to straighten out this plant and get it running right, have requested that Key Equipment, Cleaver Brooks, and Monsanto all sit down in a meeting to discuss their problems. We were contacted by Cleaver Brooks and I turned down the invitation to meet with Simplot on the basis that our Legal Dept. was resisting. In other words, should we make recommendations today on how they could improve their operation, this might be used against us in the Seconyers' case.

Confused, yet? The point is, I have contacted Cleaver Brooks, but I have not contacted Simplot. Would you please contact Mr. Bill Daniels of J. R. Simplot Company and explain to him that our Legal Department has requested we not sit down in a meeting with Simplot, Cleaver Brooks and Key Equipment at this time. However, should they wish to discuss the situation with us alone at a future date, we would be happy to comply.

I have enclosed a xerox copy of the file on Jiffy Fry/Foremost/Simplot. Let me know what transpires. Regards.

G. F. Fague

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