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November 15, 1971

Mr. Paul E. Madison
Claims Representative
The Travelers
North Shepherd Claim Office
4001 North Shepherd Drive
Houston, Texas 77018

Dear Mr. Madison:

Therminol FR-1 has a very pungent odor and when inhaled at elevated temperatures could cause upper respiratory discomfort if the concentration is great and if the exposure were at all prolonged.

We have not, however, had any reports of injury following the short term exposures that might occur from a break in a heating line, etc. This is usually so because the material possesses enough warning qualities that the workers get away from the contaminated atmosphere.

I do not see how there could be a causal relation between any inhalation and a respiratory infection. We do not know what you mean by "If you believe that the chemical composition of this oil may change in any respect causing such injury as described above, please indicate same." During the heat transfer use I would expect no breakdown of the fluid. I am sending a copy of your letter to Mr. William Papageorge, of our Industrial Chemicals Company and if he has any comment you will hear from him.

Sincerely,

R. Emmet Kelly, M. D.
Medical Director

REK/ln
cc: Mr. W. B. Papageorge

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