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Dear Dr. Best:

Dr. Walter D. Harris and I have discussed your letter of May 25. We are in general agreement that it would be desirable to inform NIOSH of the work which we are planning to do on vinyl chloride. However, we question the advisability of making the initial contact as high up as the Director of NIOSH. It would seem more appropriate to us to have a couple members who have been active in our Technical Task Group, one of whom should be competent to go into detail regarding the known toxicology and the planned studies, visit Dr. Herbert Stockinger as head of the NIOSH Toxicology Laboratory and also of the TLV Committee.

All we have at present is animal data. If we go to the top NIOSH people at this time they may read more into our approach than is justified. If Dr. Stockinger feels that we should go higher then we would be obligated. Our contact with Stockinger should not be a casual discussion at a meeting. It should be covered by a summary letter or memorandum such as you propose.

At this point we question the advisability of pushing for European data which is presently incomplete.

Very truly yours,

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