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Mr. John C. White
Environmental Protection Agency
1421 Peachtree Street Northeast
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

Dear Sir:

I was somewhat surprised ~~with~~ by the letter I received from your office dated January 13, 1972. The letter was signed for you by George Harlow, so I would presume he was not aware of our telephone conversation in late December. During our conversation in December you will recall that I made the following points:

1. Subsequent to our meeting in November the subject was taken under further advisement by high level executives in the company.

2. The final decisions made by this executive group could alter the course of action presented to you in November.

3. It would therefore be premature to stipulate, as your letter requested, that our presentation to you was the final and totally committed course of action.

4. The final point being that regardless of final decision, July 1, 1972 was still a firm commitment date by which resolution of the situation would have been implemented at the Anniston Plant.

Following these points you agreed to my delaying an answer until I had something definite to report which I said could take a few weeks. I can now report that a final decision has been made, which in brief is as follows:

> Prior to July 1, 1972 all operations at the Anniston Plant which would have required a stepwise PCB reduction program will be terminated.

Yours truly,

G. L. Jessee
Plant Manager

cc: Mr. J. L. Crockett, Jr.
Technical Advisor to the
Alabama Water Improvement
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