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Mr. Albert C. Clark
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Dear Mr. Clark:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 23, 1976, transmitting the final report entitled, "The Effects of Maternally Inhaled Vinyl Chloride on Embryonal and Fetal Development in Mice, Rats and Rabbits."

This information will be considered in our evaluation of the use of vinyl chloride polymers in contact with food. Accordingly, as you are aware, it may be necessary to place this report on public display at the Hearing Clerk when final regulations are published.

We have not been conducting any animal studies on the potential toxicity of FD&C Red No. 2. We have been analyzing various samples of PVC castings, gasket material, plasticized film, and flexible tubing. To date, we have been unable to detect any migration of vinyl chloride from these types of articles at a level of sensitivity of 1 part per billion. We are looking forward to the receipt of further reports of the studies being sponsored by NCA.

Sincerely yours,

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