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Dr. George Saunders, Chairman
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Dear Doctor Saunders:

Dr. Eckardt sent us a copy of his letter to Mr. Stroop concerning the proposed publication by Mr. Norton and Miss Dunham regarding carcinogenesis of the skin. Most of the suggestions we have made have been properly recognized. We are still of the opinion that the opening paragraph is misleading and not in strict keeping with the facts of the situation. Until such time as a definite clinical correlation has been established between exposure to high boiling aromatic fractions and the occurrence of skin cancer, I believe these animal data are only suggestive.

It is my understanding that Mr. Norton objects to any revision of this paragraph. If one could be sure that the manuscript will stay in strictly professional channels, his objections are well taken. From past experience, however, I feel reasonably sure that this assumption cannot be relied upon to protect us from unjustified employee relations problems. ||

Very truly yours,

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