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MEDICAL
DEPARTMENT

To the Designated Representatives of
Companies Contacted regarding Research on
the Carcinogenic Potential of Vinyl Chloride

This copy for Charles D. McCleary

Dear Sirs:

Thirty companies have replied to my letter of January 28, 13 having indicated they will contribute to support of research outlined in the draft Description dated January 27, and 17 having declined. No reply has yet been received from the other 14 companies to which the communication was sent.

From the commitment ceilings indicated, the funding so far subscribed falls far short of the \$350,000 called for in the proposal. Accordingly, the Ad Hoc Planning Group on Vinyl Chloride Research will be meeting on March 22 to consider its modification. Some comments received question the inclusion of testing with acetylene-derived vinyl chloride and express a preference for reserving a full-scale epidemiological study for later consideration. All are hereby invited to submit comments or suggestions as guidance for the Planning Group, and those on hand by March 22 will be reviewed at the upcoming meeting.

Attached is a list of the companies that have made a commitment to participate, those that have declined, and those from which no reply has so far been received. Will the representatives of those in the latter group please do their best to respond prior to March 22 so that the Planning Group may have a better perspective of the probable base of support.

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No further communication on this development will be directed to those whose companies have declined, unless specifically requested.

With appreciation for your cooperation,

Sincerely yours,

George E. Best

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Attachment

cc: Dr. K. D. Johnson

Information Copy
Dr. Walter D. Harris

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Proposed Research Program
on the
Carcinogenic Potential of Vinyl Chloride

Status as of March 10, 1972

Support Committed

Air Products
Allied Chemical
Borden Chemical
Conoco (Continental Oil)
Dow
Firestone Plastics
B. F. Goodrich
Olin
PPG
Standard Oil (N. J.)
Stauffer
Union Carbide
UNIROYAL

Commitment Pending

Shell Chemical

Support Declined

Ashland Oil
C I L
Diamond Shamrock
Du Pont
General Tire & Rubber
Great Lakes Chemical
Gulf Oil Canada
Gulf Oil Chemicals
Phillips Petroleum
P & G
Rohm and Haas
Standard Oil (Calif.)
Standard Oil (Ind.)
Sun Oil
Virginia Chemicals
Vulcan Materials

Solvay American*

No Response

Ethyl
FMC
Goodyear Tire & Rubber
Hooker Chemical
ICI America
Kerr-McGee
Marbon Div/Borg-Warner
Monsanto
Pantasote
Tenneco Chemicals

American Chemical*
Atlantic Tubing & Rubber*
Great American Chemical*
Keysor-Century*

*Non-members of MCA

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