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BT

YOUR REQUEST TO RALPH COOK FOR INFORMATION ABOUT
SIR RICHARD DOLL FOR THE GERMAN CHEMICAL COMPANY
FEDERATION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME. DOLL WILL BE
DOING A WORLDWIDE LITERATURE REVIEW, NOT AN
EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDY.

BRIAN BENNETT OF ICI IS WORKING WITH DOLL IN
PUBLISHING JOHN STAFFORD'S ANGIOSARCOMA REGISTRY
WHICH I SEND OUT PERIODICALLY. THE LAST REGISTRY
WAS MAILED TO YOU JANUARY 22, 1985.

BECAUSE OF HIS INTEREST IN THE ANGIOSARCOMA REGISTRY,
DOLL HAS AGREED TO REVIEW ALL THE PUBLISHED AND
UNPUBLISHED REPORTS ON VINYL CHLORIDE EPIDEMIOLOGY.
DOW AND BFC ARE NOT THE SPONSORS BUT WILL PROBABLY
CO-SPONSOR THROUGH CMA OR SPI. THE FINANCIAL
ARRANGEMENTS ARE STILL VERY INFORMAL. JUST A
GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT BETWEEN ICI, DOW AND BFC AT
THIS TIME. THE COST WILL BE REASONABLE AND WE DON'T
REALLY NEED CO-SPONSORS, BUT DO NEED COOPERATION.

I AM DELIGHTED THAT SOMEONE AS CAPABLE AND WITH AS
MUCH STATURE AS SIR RICHARD DOLL IS TAKING ON THE
PROJECT. I INTEND TO DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO HELP HIM.
I SUGGEST THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES COOPERATE TO THE
COLLECT BY PROVIDING PAPERS AND REPORTS OF ALL
EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDIES FROM THE VCM AND PVC INDUSTRY.
THE INTERPRETATION AND CRITIQUE OF SOME OF THE OLDER
AND WEAKER STUDIES WILL BE VERY VALUABLE. I PRESUME
THE REVIEW WILL BE COMPLETED THIS YEAR. HE PLANS TO
START IN MARCH OR APRIL. AS YOU KNOW, BRITISH AND
AMERICAN UPDATES OF THEIR OLD STUDIES ARE UNDERWAY
AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED THIS YEAR. THESE WILL BE
AVAILABLE TO DOLL.

IF YOU WANT TO WRITE OR, BRIAN BENNETT OF ICI.

THE DIVISION OF AND FOR DOW CHEMICAL CO