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To: TECHNICAL TASK GROUP ON VINYL CHLORIDE RESEARCH

Subject: Proposals for Additional Vinyl Chloride Monomer Research

Gentlemen:

The Research Coordinators, at their meeting of November 28, moved to ask the Technical Task Group on Vinyl Chloride Research to recommend to the Management Contacts that the sponsoring companies authorize the expenditure of an additional \$80,000 for metabolism and teratology studies (to be conducted by Dow, at cost) and to alert them to the probable ultimate need for support of a continuing prospective epidemiology study at about \$100,000 per year, and of three-generation reproduction studies and mutagenicity studies at a still-to-be-determined cost.

The proposed budget for the studies for which immediate support is solicited is

1. Metabolic Studies	\$50,000
(one year, best efforts study)	
2. Teratology Study	20,000
3. Contingency Funds	<u>10,000</u>
TOTAL	\$80,000

Enclosed herewith are the following documents, all of which are to be treated as sensitive and confidential, and restricted to those directly responsible for making the decisions on the subject proposals:

1. Report of the results of Dow's studies on the effect of exposure of rats to vinyl chloride on hepatic sulphydryl levels,
2. A protocol for metabolism studies on vinyl chloride and

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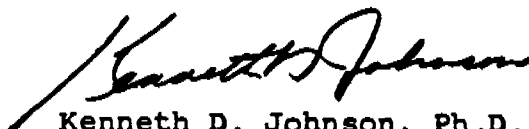
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3. A protocol for a teratology study on vinyl chloride.

A letter ballot on the Research Coordinator's request is enclosed. Please return promptly so that this item may be placed in the hands of the Management Contacts for an early decision on whether or not the sponsors will support one or both of the presently proposed programs.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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