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Dear Peter,

I just received your memorandum of January 1[illegible], 1980 concerning

ABC Sunday Evening Documentary

with attachments.

Thank to you, Messrs. Coquillette and Navarro and to W. R. Grace & Co. for the help granted again against these permanent attacks. Anew I regret very much that your name was connected with the Otto Ambros case. I am sure that your letter to Mr. Goldenson will be successful. ABC has done a great injustice with its unfair attitude. I know that the official America does not share this tendency.

May I correct the chart enclosed with above memo.

Under 11 my chairmanship at Knoll AG is mentioned, but when I was chairman its owners were

75 74.9% Arnsperger family (and not BASF)
25 25.1% Chemie Grünenthal

In 1977 BASF acquired a share of 74.9% and Prof. Seefelder was apponted as my successor.

On page 4 of the memo it's the same - when BASF acquired the majority of the Knoll shares I had to retire at an age of 76.

Finally on page 5 - Why - was Dr. Ambros alone selected for attack? The reason - OA still is alive, hard working and happy to live freely and productively in Mannheim". If I was senile and consequently not able to enjoy technical cooperation with W. R. Grace and ERDA or be connected with other modern developments, I would not selected for being "dragged through the mud".

I hope the American media will learn from W. R. Grace' honest philosophy expressed with your letter.

Once again, thank you very much for your friendship.

Sincerely,

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ERDA = Energy Research and Development Administration