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November 7, 1972

Mr. Les Johnson
Les-Cove, Inc.
106 Smith Street
Iron Mountain, Michigan 49801

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This is a follow-up to Mr. Neary's letter of May 25, 1972 concerning conversion of your Therminol FR system.

We show the purchase of one drum of Therminol 66 fluid on May 30, 1972, which we thought was for the conversion of your heat exchange system. To date, however, we have no record of your returning FR-containing fluids for disposal.

Please advise the status of this return, If the fluid was shipped, we would appreciate receiving a copy of the bill of lading or other shipping papers so that we can try to locate the material.

In the event you have not drained the FR from your unit and converted to a non-PCB fluid, we would suggest you seriously consider doing so.

In May, 1972 the Federal Government's Task Force on PCBs recommended against the use of PCBs as heat transfer fluids. Enclosed is a copy of a summary article on their proposals for your review. Also enclosed is a copy of a Wall Street Journal article which highlights restrictive action proposed by the FDA.

In April, 1972 our Mr. Papageorge sent a letter addressed to "Plant Manager" of your plant. You may want to review this letter for additional background on this PCB subject (a copy of which is enclosed).

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You may be aware that some Federal and State agencies are sampling plant effluents and marine life looking for, among, other things, PCB chemistry. If PCB is found, the agencies tend to determine the PCB source.

If there are any questions on the above or on converting to a non-PCB fluid, please feel free to contact me at (314) 694-2514.

Sincerely,

Paul W. Gann
Project Coordinator
Heat Transfer Fluids

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Enclosures:

April Papageorge Letter
Govt. Task Force Letter
Wall Street Journal Article, 3/20/72

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