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June 14, 1974

Mr. Russell E. Train
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
Waterside Mall West Tower
401 M Street, S. W.
Washington, D. C. 20460

Dear Mr. Train:

On behalf of all of the company executives who attended your meeting I want to thank you very much for making that kind of discussion possible. We all appreciated your personal receptiveness throughout the meeting. In addition, we believe that the press release does present the situation accurately and properly.

You can positively count on the vinyl chloride and polyvinyl chloride producers cooperating with your organization fully. These men are most sincerely anxious to make sure that all appropriate safeguards, in addition to those already taken, are set up as quickly as possible.

I thought you would be interested in the enclosed preliminary estimates prepared for us by Arthur D. Little, Inc. on the potential impact of a shutdown of this segment of the plastics industry. We plan to issue a press release on this matter towards the end of next week in anticipation of the OSHA hearing which begin on June 25. We will be emphasizing the low rather than the high estimates from the consultants. You can be sure that almost all of our testimony to OSHA will deal directly with worker health and safety. At the same time, we do believe it is important for everyone concerned to have an understanding of the economic considerations. We thought you would like to have this information well in advance of the press release.

We certainly look forward to working closely with you and your associates to make sure that the public is properly and fully safeguarded.

Cordially,

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SOCIETY OF THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY

Mr. Jacques Solvay, Chairman
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June 28, 1974

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RALPH L. HARDING, JR.
PRESIDENT
THE SOCIETY OF THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY, INC.

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Mr. A. W. Barnes
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June 28, 1974

THE FOLLOWING CABLE WAS SENT TO JACQUES SOLVAY TODAY: PVC PRODUCERS IN UNITED STATES WILL BE HOLDING VITAL POLICY AND PLANNING MEETINGS DURING WEEK OF JULY 8. WE CORDIALLY INVITE MR. AUGUSTE GOSSELIN OF SOLVAY TO PARTICIPATE. SITUATION VERY DIFFICULT HERE. HIS PERSONAL ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE WILL BE MOST TIMELY AND VALUABLE FOR OUR INDUSTRY LEADERS. FURTHERMORE, USA SAFETY STANDARDS MAY WELL SET THE WORLD PATTERNS. MAY WE HEAR FROM YOU OR HIM AT YOUR EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

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