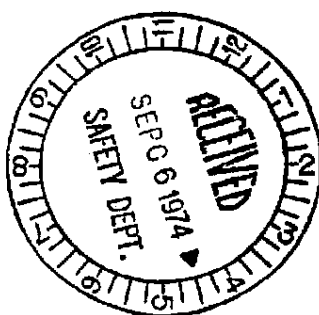




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With respect to your conversation with Mr. Pruitt of Dow Chemical Company, the major questions that came to my mind were discussed in the conclusion of your telephone report. I would, however, have some reservation as to whether a research organization organized by industry and dependent upon industry for the major part if not all of its research work and refunding, would be accepted by labor and government as an "Independent" laboratory. Labor, particularly in the past several years as you know, has refused to accept research findings of any industrial laboratory.

It would be a major undertaking to establish a toxicology laboratory of the size I would envision for the magnitude of this work. It would also take away a great deal of work from existing organizations. There are a number of laboratories with excellent reputations and facilities that could handle or be expanded to handle the work if there were a commitment from industry to use them on a continuing basis. While Industrial Biostat and Sloan Kettering come immediately to mind, there undoubtedly are a number of others. This avenue I believe should be fully explored before setting up a new independent laboratory.

As you will see, my reservations are not with the need for such a laboratory but rather the method of accomplishment.

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