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Dear Al,

I am enclosing a newspaper clipping based upon an I.C.I. announcement which first appeared in a London newspaper dated 29 January.

Sincerely,



J. T. Norman.

Cancer risk probe by ICI

A WARNING went out from I.C.I. last night about a possible cancer risk in the production of PVC plastic.

A single suspect death at a plant in the North West is being investigated.

And tests on rats made over the past three years, show cancer can be induced by prolonged exposure to vinyl chloride monomer, a highly concentrated vapour used at the start of PVC production.

I.C.I. added that an American company investigating deaths among employees, has found four cases of a rare form of liver cancer in men who worked at a plant which used the vapour.

An I.C.I. spokesman said last night that records of its own employees up to the end of 1972 gave no indication they were at risk. About 380 employees work with vinyl chloride monomer.

And a spokesman for the Department of Health said there was no evidence of harm from finished PVC products.

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