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Dear Mr. Lindsell:

As anticipated when I wrote to you on September 1, the companies in this country that have been planning a research program on the carcinogenic potential of vinyl chloride are highly pleased with the prospect of any arrangement for reciprocal exchange of information in accord with your letter of August 16. They quite agree that the coordination arising from such exchange should lead to a more productive overall outcome, appreciating it would be especially beneficial to the U. S. project at its outset.

I venture two interpretations which I feel sure are consistent with your intentions. First, the stipulation, in the first sentence under "b", applying to "the individuals ..." would not preclude each of these individuals from private discussion of the disclosed information with his own company colleagues, since any such foreclosure would certainly be difficult to sustain. Second, in "c", "equal status" would concern access to project information on a current basis and participation in sharing ideas and suggestions; presumably European and U. S. groups would each prefer to retain the right to determine the substance and administrative management of their respective projects.

Please be assured these points are mentioned only for clarification, with no suggestion that any problems concerning them would occur.

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This letter, then, may be taken as our agreement to the terms indicated in your letter of August 16, 1972, confident of the good faith of the companies participating in the U. S. project to abide by them.

It happens that the technical representative of one company, namely, Dr. Walter D. Harris, Corporate Industrial Toxicologist, UNIROYAL, Inc., is to be in Brussels on October 16 and plans to be in England later that week or the following week. It would be much appreciated if arrangements can be made for him to receive information about the European program at that time.

Soon thereafter, we expect the U. S. group technical representatives would meet to finalize plans for getting their project under way. We hope that one or more European representatives might be able to be present on that occasion.

Sincerely yours,

George E. Bess

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bcc: ✓ Recipients of 9/1/72 GEB letter - Two points of clarification cover the only questions raised.
Dr. K. D. Johnson

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