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To the Management Contacts of Companies Sponsoring
the Vinyl Chloride Research Program
and the
Technical Task Group on Vinyl Chloride Research

Dear Sirs:

Pursuant to the intention stated in my recent letter to you, I tried to reach Dr. Marcus Key, NIOSH Director, by phone on Wednesday, June 27. He proved to be unavailable then and also into the afternoon the next day. In the early afternoon on the 28th, then, I spoke instead to the Deputy Director, Mr. Edward J. Baier, who assured me he would inform Dr. Key of our conversation.

I said my purpose was to propose a meeting with NIOSH technical staff members of their determination to tell them of a program involving animal testing and epidemiological investigation of vinyl chloride being administered by MCA for a group of companies, and to obtain the benefit of any suggestions relevant to it. I mentioned that part of the background that was most helpful in designing the program came to us in confidence from a European project, and that technical representatives of the European sponsors would join with our technical representatives in such a meeting.

Mr. Baier welcomed the suggestion and told me he would refer the matter to Dr. Herbert Christianson, second in command (to Dr. Charles Powell) in charge of criteria document development, for resolution of arrangements.

Dr. Christianson phoned me later in the afternoon. I went over the same ground with him, adding that July 17 is the preferred date. He was optimistic but told me it would be necessary to check it out with those they would want to be present. (I presume the meeting will be held in Washington or near vicinity.) He promised to let me know as soon as

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possible, but since only the exact date remains in question, I thought you would wish to have this account without further delay.

Please note this is coming to you under Confidential cover because of its reference to the European project, bearing in mind the consent given at Brussels refers only to the presentation to NIOSH, not release for any other purpose.

Because of each company's keen interest, it has been difficult to choose from among the various suggestions received, those who will represent our group in the NIOSH meeting. I appreciate your graciousness in indicating you would abide by our selection, which is as follows:

Dr. W. E. Rinehart (Ethyl)
Dr. V. K. Rowe (Dow)*
Mr. R. N. Wheeler, Union Carbide

*For Dr. Torkelson, chairman of the Technical Task Group, inasmuch as Dr. Rowe attended the Brussels meeting.

In addition, I have been encouraged to take part and plan to do so.

Otherwise, because of a change in staff assignments effective July 1, Mr. A. C. Clark as incoming Vice President and Technical Director, will have the relationship to this project which I have enjoyed in the past.

Sincerely,

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