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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

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Dear Sirs:

As you are already aware, for some time there has been a growing consensus among the companies participating in our program that there should be scientific consultation with appropriate U. S. Government officials concerning the toxicology of vinyl chloride monomer. This attitude stems from the desirability of inviting their advice concerning the conduct of our animal inhalation and epidemiological research so that the findings will have maximum weight and significance, and also a feeling of moral obligation, heightened since the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health's published invitation in which vinyl chloride was listed as one of the substances of interest.

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Accordingly, your technical representatives have drafted a presentation of all the known pertinent information presently available for this purpose. A copy is attached, planned for use by a small delegation in conferring with the Director of NIOSH at a date late in June yet to be determined.

Not included in the draft is information disclosed in confidence from the European project. European company executives have kindly agreed to discuss releasing their information for this purpose at a meeting with U. S. company executives, tentatively scheduled for June 15. It is very much hoped that such permission will be granted. If consent is given, then this additional scientific information will be incorporated. If not, this information will be retained in privileged status.

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If you have constructive suggestions to improve the presentation, may I please have them promptly, since it is in mind to make the initial contact with NIOSH on June 4.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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