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October 27, 1972

Mr. C. L. Webb
Purchasing Agent
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Dear Mr. Webb:

This is a follow-up to Mr. Johnson's call of March 14 concerning conversion of your Therminol FR systems. Through corresponding with Mr. Marks, it is our understanding there are four Therminol FR systems at Memphis. In April Mr. Marks indicated all but one of these systems had been converted and this is further confirmed by the number of orders for Therminol 55 we have received from your company.

In checking our files, however, I find no record of Therminol FR fluid being returned to us for incineration. Not only are we interested in the conversion of all Therminol FR systems, we would also appreciate knowing the disposition of used FR fluids.

Please advise the status of this fluid. If it was shipped to us, we would appreciate receiving a copy of the bill of lading or other shipping papers so that we can try to locate the material.

In May, 1972 the Federal Government's Task Force on PCBs recommended against the use of PCBs as heat transfer fluids. Enclosed is a copy of the summary article on their proposals for your review. Also enclosed is a copy of a Wall Street Journal article which highlights restrictive action proposed by the FDA.

In April, 1972, our Mr. Papageorge sent a letter addressed to "Plant Manager" of your plant. You may want to review this letter for additional background on this PCB subject (a copy of which is attached).

We also want you to be aware that some Federal and State agencies are sampling plant effluents and marine life looking for, among other things, PCB chemistry. If PCB is found, the agencies tend to determine the PCB source.

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Please call me at (314) 694-2514 if you have any questions on the above.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:
April Papageorge Letter
Govt. Task Force Letter
FDA Article