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SUBJECT		

Thank you for the further information you furnished. With one exception, Clyde Hoskins, all the individuals you identify are in our records. Interestingly, he was not identified in the Harvard study of mortality at the Louisville Plant either; I do not know if he was identified on the Tabershaw-Gaffey report but I doubt that his inclusion or omission from either study would have affected the final interpretation. He and Osborne, Spicer, Berry and Crawford died before we began entering data into the BFG system and so are not included on any studies we currently do, but were included (except possibly Hoskins) in earlier epidemiologic studies.

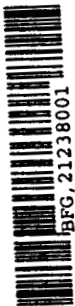
We have and continue to include all the others in our internal BFG studies. Of these, one has a benign brain tumor, not a cancer, and another has a tumor of uncertain behavior which also would not be counted among brain cancers. The remaining number without any history of VCM exposure is too small to know whether or not there is a potential problem with exposure other than to VCM, but we will certainly continue to watch this situation in the chemical plants.

At present, I find nothing to suggest that any excess of brain cancers at Louisville is due to any workplace exposure other than VCM.

With the reduction in exposures to VCM and AN and probably to other chemicals as well, I hope that the incidence of all cancer will drop to less than or certainly no greater than that of the general population and we will not need to and will be unable to identify occupational causes.

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