November 15, 1968

J. D. Anderson - Knoxville

Request for Medical Information

Confirming our phone conversation of November 11th, and in connection with the news release in which you were quoted as stating, "I will be happy to supply him with the medical information", special consideration should be given each request received.

Copy of each such request should be forwarded to us along with your evaluation and comments concerning the doctor making the request, his relationship to the plant, plant personnel, workmen's Compensation litigation, and any other factors which might have a bearing on the degree and form of information to be provided. We should also anticipate an estimate of the clerical time and expense involved in providing the information requested.

This procedure does not provide you with the guidelines you requested, but in our opinion it is a necessary one since, as you well recognize, our relationships with individuals and organizations engaged in health research is a matter of substantial corporate concern.

The statement prepared for publication was not meant to be an indication that we would publish any and all information in response to requests such. We are willing, and even eager, to collaborate with those who are seeking for first and valid research purposes, but we must also take appropriate precautions in the handling of privileged communications in providing information which might only be requested for purposes which run to our detriment.

Specifically, the TH-OCI Work History is an instrument for our employee internal use and, while it might be a useful source for the type of data requested, I strongly doubt that we would ever release it in its present form.

H. M. Jackson

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cc: A. B. Marchant
W. W. Lanigan

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