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Dear Tony:

Here are some notes I made of our various meetings and which, as mentioned when you were here yesterday, may remind you of some other items that came up on which you do not have notes.

I assume our objective was to review with State people, legal and medical advisors, and the local management groups in Grant, Lompoc and J-M the subject of the use of aluminum dust with diatomaceous earth to determine whether the use of aluminum therapy should be initiated, and if so, in general, when, in what manner, and what people would be given the treatment, etc.

1. Drs. Hugh Jackson, Dan Tollefson, and I met in San Francisco on March 26 with Dr. Stevens and some of his staff, consisting of Drs. Rush, Sherry, and Hensh, to review with these State Health authorities the subject of aluminum therapy and our present thinking about its use in our two companies in order first to get their reactions.

2. My notes say that they appreciated our attitude in reviewing the subject with them, that they confessed some lack of information and experience on the subject, but that they felt we were right in going ahead with a properly-controlled program.

3. Dr. W. L. Halverson, head of the State Health Department, was ill and did not meet with the group.

4. Dan Tollefson visited, at the invitation of Dr. Stevens, the new Industrial Hygiene Laboratory in Berkeley.

5. [illegible] we all went to [illegible] City to [illegible] [illegible] working and [illegible] back on the job [illegible].

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7. On Tuesday night, March 27, Hugh Jackson and I went to Lompoc.

8. Ben went to Lompoc on Wednesday morning, March 28. There was a meeting on that date with Plant Manager Wetmore, Dr. Anderson, and R. T. Legge. Dr. Anderson skimmed copy from the aluminum therapy and disclosed a letter from Dr. Hurko that said more proof was needed.

9. In Los Angeles, you, Ben Tollefson, Hugh Jackson, and I met with Dr. Stockton and Dr. Smart on aluminum therapy subject. Dr. Smart also seemed to think more proof was needed and suggested that the following four things be done at our meeting on March 29.

   a. Search literature and locate all references to aluminum therapy, giving these references to all concerned (presently someone in Dr. Smart's office is looking up the references). If someone has to summarize this information, it will have to be done later and there should be some determination made as to what articles should be briefed and which should not be briefed.

   b. Dr. Smart states we should first know that diatomaceous earth and aluminum in combination do not make animals die faster than one dust alone or some other combination with aluminum. He seemed to think that six months' tests at Stevens with the high concentrations should show this, particularly after the first animals have been sacrificed.

   c. Dr. Smart wonders whether or not diatomaceous earth and aluminum in combination are toxic. He suggests intra-venous and peritoneal injections be tried out to determine this. (It is thought that Stevens is running such tests, anyway.)

   d. Dr. Smart suggests that Dr. Hamman take his machine to Motley in Philadelphia so as to compare their films. He also suggests that you check with Emerson in Boston as to vital capacity or lung capacity tests.

10. Ben went to see Dr. Johnstone, and were to go to Great Lakes Carbon plant at Johns Taylor. Ben also saw their legal expert, Mr. Ives, and discussed the matter of when reports should be made in the case of X-ray evidence of pneumoconiosis.

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These are the only items I have. Of course, I have a very fine note to send a copy of the Stevens program to Andy and I will do it.

If your report to me should cover all points completely, I had assumed that I would only need to send copies of this report to others within our organization who are interested and suggest the steps we should take from this point on with the knowledge that we have as of now. Of course, this suggestion from me might be a more convenience with what you propose. If you propose steps to be taken. I was going to say I thought we should do four things

I. Follow up on the search of literature to get as promptly as possible references on aluminum therapy.

II. Push Stevens to see that we get all possible information as quickly as we can from the work that they are doing. (Don Hillsdon told us yesterday he just heard Stevens has only now started on the run, which is a surprise to me.) ? why

III. Lay out our plans as to just how aluminum will be administered, assuming that it is to be, and how we expect to handle the personnel matter of telling the men about it. The purpose of doing these two things now would be in order that we might have had a chance to think the thing through and discuss it from all possible angles and be in a position to move promptly when we decide to do so.

IV. Continue to carry out our dust abatement program with all the energy we can command, realizing that elimination of dust is the sure way of preventing illnesses caused by dust.

You said we would get together on your report and I hope you will give me a ring when you get at it. I am sorry I didn't get this in the mail to you on Monday.

Yours sincerely,

J. P. Woodard