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By B. L. Ingalls

Date 4/14/71

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Mr. Selley said that they anticipate a production of approximately 10 million pounds of this product for this year utilizing 1/2% of RG-244. This would realize a potential market of 50,000 lb. of RG-244 this year. Mr. Selley asked that I get in contact with him again the latter part of next week and that he would have better insite as to the situation at that time. I also called New York to learn both Dr. Dernehl and Mr. McDaniel were out for the remainder of the week. I spoke with Dr. Wain in their stead informing him of the situation at Hooker Chemical and the possibility of their calling our health department some time this week. He agreed to offer any assistance in answering their questions should they call and to report back to us here.

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Full Name	Hooker Chemical Corp. Durez Div.	Interviewed	
Address	North Tonawanda, NY 14120		John Ondesko - Group Leader Frank Bryzinsky - Chemist
Mfrs. of	Phenolic Molding Materials		

NOTE

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OBJECTIVE

Discuss the results of their lab work with SG-200, 200X, and 210.

OBSERVATIONS

Only SG-210 studied to date as they feel that pellets can not be handled with their present production equipment. Pellets are of some interest, but they are in compliance with Federal regulations and so dust is not a problem at this time. However, the other obvious advantages of using pellets were discussed in detail and they may become a serious consideration in the future.

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2. Discussion with John and Frank on our products in phenolics indicated that there is virtually no potential for them in their phenolics in the near future. We were not allowed to read Frank's data and obtained only a quick review from John on the results. Some properties such as arc resistance, impact and heat distortion, were somewhat better with Calidria SG-130, SG-210 and HPO than with their regular Hedman fiber, but in most cases only marginal. The big drawback is cost, as according to them the SG-130 formulation, which also contained considerable low priced carbonate, was about twice as expensive as the Hedman formualtion. They feel that enough work has been done to satisfy them that there is no justification for using any of our products in their regular production. As there is no interest in pellets at the present time they intend to drop the project completely except in very special resins which they might develop which

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