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PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT UC-1170

TO (NAME) Mr. D. L. Engle
COMPANY Mr. N. W. Gaines - 511
LOCATION Mr. R. E. Graebert - 511

DATE December 20, 1978

COPY TO
Mr. J. H. Barrett
Dr. D. H. Glenn
Mr. J. L. Hockersmith
Mr. J. B. Leverton
Mr. W. P. Nickles
Mr. F. S. Provenzano
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SUBJECT OSHA Inspection
December 13, 1978
Employee Complaint

Two OSHA officers arrived at the Texas City Plant at 1:30 p.m. on December 13, 1978. Identities were confirmed that they were Rich Miller, an Industrial Hygienist, and Oscar Ray, a Safety Officer. They were met by R. J. Taylor and in a preliminary interview stated they were investigating an employee complaint. After the usual initial questions were answered, they were escorted to the Manager's Conference Room where they were met by W. P. Nickles, Dick Gilreath (Union representative), J. B. Leverton, and Dr. D. H. Glenn. The complaint was then disclosed as being very general and stating that an employee was "exposed to chemicals while loading tank cars and 55-gallon drums at Bldg. 19." The complaint was received by OSHA near the last of November.

Mr. Miller questioned Dr. Glenn about his knowledge of any "unusual happenings" in the Bldg. 19 area and then asked for the following information:

1. Ventilation data for the drumming room (type, turnover, etc.).
2. Results of any air sampling taken over the past two years.
3. A list of any and all compounds which have been handled in the area.
4. A layout sketch of the area (presumed to be Bldg. 19 area and in particular the drumming area).
5. The total number of employees in the area, including names and length of area service.
6. The results of an epidemiological cancer study which they had heard that UCC had conducted in regard to the Texas City Plant.

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A tour of Bldg. 19 by the OSHA reps, Gilreath, Leverton, and Taylor followed. The team was joined by J. R. Clayton, W. W. Henderson, and Dale Butler. A short interview was held with Tony Fortini, a product handler, and the tour was concluded. The CO's left at about 3:30 p.m. stating they would await the requested information before taking further action, if any.

R. J. Taylor

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On 12/13/78 the Texas City Plant was visited by two OSHA compliance officers. The inspection was initiated by an employee complaint that alleged employee exposure to chemicals while filling tank cars and 55-gallon drums at Building 19, the In-Plant Distribution Area. The compliance officers made a brief inspection of the Bldg. 19 operation and requested that UCC provide OSHA with the following data:

1. Drumming room local exhaust ventilation parameters.
2. A list of the chemicals that are or have been handled in the drumming room.
3. Chemical monitoring data for Bldg. 19.
4. A layout of the drumming room.
5. Names and length of service of employees who have worked in the drumming room.
6. Results of any epidemiological studies that may relate to the Bldg. 19.

This information is being assembled and after appropriate legal consultation, will be provided to OSHA. The compliance officers indicated that no further inspections would take place until they had an opportunity to evaluate UCC data.

W. P. Nickles

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