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PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT
INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 16, 1985
TO: DONALD F. WHITMOORE, EXECUTIVE STAFFMEMBER
FROM: LOU GREGHORN, PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER
SUBJECT: INCIDENT INVOLVING NITROGEN TANK ON JUNE 15TH

MR. WHITMOORE,

I AM WRITING TO INFORM YOU ABOUT A CRITICAL INCIDENT THAT OCCURRED ON THE EVENING OF JUNE 15TH AT THE WHITMOORE CHEMICAL PLANT. AN EXPLOSION WAS HEARD BY NEARBY RESIDENTS, RAISING CONCERNS AND PROMPTING INQUIRIES FROM LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND THE COMMUNITY.

THE INCIDENT INVOLVED A NITROGEN TANK WITHIN OUR FACILITY. THE TEMPERATURE REGULATOR ON THE TANK FAILED, LEADING TO A SIGNIFICANT PRESSURE BUILDUP. THIS FAILURE CAUSED THE TANK CONTAINING AQUABEAM TO EXPLODE, RELEASING THE SUBSTANCE INTO THE ADJACENT LABORATORY AREA.

UPON FURTHER INVESTIGATION, WE HAVE DISCOVERED THAT THE CHEMICAL COMPONENT IN AQUABEAM EXHIBITS LIFE-LIKE MOVEMENT WHEN EXPOSED TO PROLONGED HEAT. THIS BEHAVIOR IS UNPRECEDENTED AND WAS NOT OBSERVED DURING OUR INITIAL TESTING PHASES.

TRAGICALLY, ONE OF OUR SCIENTISTS DR. LAWRENCE PIMBERS WAS PRESENT IN THE LAB DURING THE EXPLOSION. HE BECAME ENTANGLED IN THE ESCAPED AQUABEAM AND, REGRETTABLY, WAS DROWNED AND DISSOLVED IN THE OIL. DUE TO THE SENSITIVITY OF THIS MATTER, WHITMOORE CHEMICAL COMPANY HAS DECIDED TO MANAGE THIS INTERNALLY AND AVOID REPORTING THE INCIDENT TO THE POLICE. OUR RESPONSE TO ANY EXTERNAL INQUIRIES HAS BEEN NON-DISCLOSURE.

IN ADDRESSING THE AFTERMATH, OUR TEAM HAS SUCCESSFULLY NEUTRALIZED THE AQUABEAM USING SODIUM HYDROXIDE. THIS PROCESS RESULTED IN THE CREATION OF A NEW, INERT SOAP WITH FASCINATING PROPERTIES. WE ARE CONDUCTING FURTHER RESEARCH TO UNDERSTAND THE FULL POTENTIAL OF THIS BYPRODUCT.

WE ARE CURRENTLY REINFORCING OUR SAFETY PROTOCOLS AND ENSURING ALL TEMPERATURE REGULATORS AND CONTAINMENT MEASURES ARE THOROUGHLY INSPECTED AND UPGRADED AS NECESSARY TO PREVENT FUTURE INCIDENTS. ADDITIONALLY, WE ARE IMPLEMENTING STRICTER CONTROLS ON THE HANDLING AND STORAGE OF AQUABEAM AND ITS COMPONENTS.

GIVEN THE GRAVITY OF THIS SITUATION, I RECOMMEND WE PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE INTERNAL REVIEW AND DISCUSS APPROPRIATE MEASURES FOR ONGOING MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONVENE A MEETING TO ADDRESS THIS MATTER FURTHER OR IF YOU HAVE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO PROCEED.

SINCERELY,

LOU GREGHORN
PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER

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