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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

March 27, 1984

Dear Senator Noe:

Dr. Fortunati has kept me appraised of the activities of the Special Office of Seveso. I am pleased to hear of the excellent progress of you and your staff. The completion of the Seveso decontamination effort will be a remarkable achievement. The successful coordination of the multiple disciplines involved in the Seveso Project, such as epidemiology, analytical chemistry, industrial hygiene and clean-up technology, reflects favorably on the managerial skills of you and your staff. You are to be congratulated!

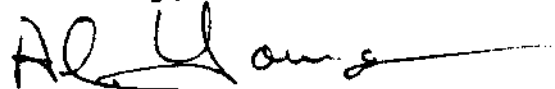
The establishment of the joint Research Foundation with other European Countries is an appropriate step that will permit not only the establishment of a long-term monitoring program for Seveso but will also encourage the development of technology and engineering expertise to address the area of toxic chemicals in the environment. Since my last correspondence with you, I have continued to search for ways in which a cooperative program can be established. There are two considerations; firstly how to use the present skills of the staff involved in the Seveso clean-up operation; and secondly, how to initiate a long-term program of cooperation. The first area may be best accomplished by the establishment of a direct program between the special scientific team that is being assembled in Missouri and key engineers and scientist on your staff that are to be transferred to the new Research Foundation. The University of Missouri is developing the research agenda for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (at the request of Mr. Fred Lafser and Mr. Robert Schreiber). This program as it is now planned is to be funded jointly by the State of Missouri and the Environmental Protection Agency. Within the University's program will be a designated project titled "International Cooperation and Activities." This will be a funded program that will permit the exchange of scientists and engineers between the Foundation and the University of Missouri. Funds would also be available to evaluate new technology. Dr. Armon Yanders, Director, Environmental Trace Substances Research Center, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri 65201 will accompany me to the Seveso meeting in late May so as to meet with you and your staff.

A long-term cooperative program involving toxic substances in the environment is essential. The on-going epidemiologic studies on human populations exposed to dioxins are examples of programs where the exchange of information is very important. But equally important are the accomplishments of studies on the toxicology and environmental fate of hazardous chemicals and the development of clean-up technologies. I will continue to search for a formal mechanism that will permit the establishment of a long-term program. I will be prepared to address this issue with you and other appropriate administrative personnel during my visit in late May.

I am very pleased to accept your invitation to attend the symposium "UNA RISPOSTA TECNOLOGICA AD UN INCIDENTE TECNOLOGICO." I am honored at your request to present a paper on "The Impact of the Seveso Experience on Environmental Programs in the United States" and to chair the symposium section on "Emerging Technologies." I will arrange my itinerary so as to arrive in Milano on 23 May.

With best regards.

Sincerely,



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