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Mr. Robert Schreiber
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Dear Mr. Schreiber:

Please accept my thanks for the splendid hospitality afforded to me and Dr. Fortunati, Dr. LaPorta and Mr. Piepoli during our recent visit to Missouri. The exchange of information between the Missouri Dioxin Task Force and the Italian^o Scientists was a benefit to all parties. I believe that continued dialogue between your Department and the Special Office of Seveso (Ufficio Speciale per Seveso) is warranted. Accordingly, I would propose that a cooperative program be established that would benefit both organizations.

In our telephone discussion last week, I informed you that the Special Office of Seveso will be phased out as soon as the decontamination effort is completed. The scientific and engineering staff currently supporting this program will be incorporated into a research foundation, The Lombardi Foundation for Environmental Safety. This Foundation will be tasked with monitoring responsibilities of the Seveso Basins and will have the opportunity of additional conducting and supporting research into a variety of environmental problems. As now planned, a major service of the foundation will be their Engineering Consulting Service. It was apparent at the Dioxin Task Force Meeting, August 25, 1983, that the Italians have thoroughly researched the issue of containment of dioxin. Their engineering experiences will likely be invaluable to you.

I would strongly recommend to you four areas in which cooperation between DNR and the Special Office of Seveso (and subsequent Foundation) could be established.

1. The preparation of engineering design, special construction details and managerial plans for the construction and management of a large containment facility (Basin) for dioxin-contaminated material.
2. The joint funding and investigation on the biological uptake of TCDD into vegetable crops.
3. The joint funding of studies on the chemical/biological destruction of TCDD in soils in situ.
4. Exchange of analytical methods, protocols, and results of long-term studies on environmental contamination, toxicology, and impact of dioxin on human health.

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In telephone conversations with Dr. Fortunati, he has suggested that if you feel that a cooperative program is feasible, he would like for you to visit Seveso and view the filling of the 150,000 cubic meter basin. He feels that such a visit should be as soon as possible to avoid the winter weather and to see the basin at a time of maximum activity. During your visit a draft agreement could be arranged. I would suggest mid-November as a possible time for your visit. You should make contact with Dr. Fortunati as soon as possible to establish a date for your visit (and perhaps that of your designated "Project Engineer").

Upon release of the Task Force Report, I'm sure you will want to move as rapidly as possible to evaluate and accept their recommendations. I believe that the engineers and scientists at Seveso offer the best experience and are readily available. Obviously, you should explore methods for transferring funds between DNR and the Lombardi Foundation for Environmental Safety.

Finally I would suggest that you coordinate all your activities through the State Department. The point of contact that will be most valuable to you will be Dr. Lawrence Finch, Scientific and Technical Officer, United States Embassy, via Veneto 119-A, 00187 Rome, Italy (Phone Italy 06-4674).

If I can be of serve in assisting in coordination, please contact me. I am continuing to make plans for developing a protocol for sampling the animal community associated with Times Beach. I will contact you soon about arranging a meeting between interested participants.

Best Wishes,

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cc: Dr. Fortunati ✓
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