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To: L. Molaskey
From: T. Urban
Subject: Trip to Container Research Corp., Glen Riddle, Pa. on 9-14-71,
RX-3, Container #71-618, P. O. 63164 TA

Purpose: To witness qualification of the subject container with
PECO Quality Control.

Personnel Contacted: George Lewis - Marketing & Production
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Summary: The Container Research Corp., was extensively damaged by
a flash flood on 9-14-71, thereby curtailing all operations. The container
and cover less wood skids and casters was salvaged. Container Research was
directed to ship the salvaged container as scheduled. Prior to the flood,
Container Research loaded the container with 7,000 lbs (water and weights)
and qualified its structural integrity under handling, with lifting hooks and
lift truck. This was not witnessed by PECO personnel.

Discussion: The main office of Container Research was flooded with
6 feet of water virtually destroying their engineering, sales, purchasing and
management offices. Almost all drawings and paperwork were lost. The manu-
facturing facility was full of silt about a foot deep and containers were
scattered all over. The RX-3 container was on a higher level and escaped
damage. The cover was located in the silt, undamaged, and was assembled to
the container for shipment. The casters and skids were in the stock room and
only one caster could be located up to 4 P.M. on 9-14-71. They will continue
to look for them and advise as soon as possible, although the outlook is not
good. The fast currents during the flood could have carried the casters and
skids out thru smashed doors or windows into the river.

It is noted that Container Research cooperated fully under very dif-
ficult conditions and this was acknowledged.

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