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Dear Mr. Towson,

The Phase II studies on process and equipment development continue according to schedule. The Stage 2 FEDU (100 lb/hr) has been dismantled except for removal of large-scale equipment. An early decision on disposal of these large items will be required to allow preparation of the area for the new FEDUs. A final summary report of the Stage 2 FEDU work is in the final editing process. The summary report on the coal composition and beneficiation studies will be mailed to you on March 6, 1972.

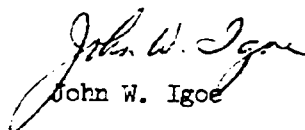
A larger blower for the cold flow model studies of Stages 1 and 2 of the two-stage gasifier is being sought. The blower is needed to study simulated slag drainage from Stage 1.

Catalyst evaluation continues in the bench-scale methanator studies. Promising catalysts have been found and will be tested in the cold model FEDU. In bench-scale work on char gasification, a small fluidized-bed unit is being constructed to determine the validity of the TGA-derived rate equations in a dynamic system.

Authorization to commit funds for the methanator FEDU erection has been received. Detail engineering and solicitation of bids on equipment continues. Modifications to the fluidized-bed gasifier have been held up pending a decision by OCR to proceed.

Engineering assistance from Koppers continues.

Yours very truly,

  
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