

Dr. Helga Pizio
RE: DAVID HUDDLER
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VITREORETINAL EXAMINATION:

Vitreoretinal examination of the right eye shows disc margins are sharp. Cup-to-disc ratio is 0.2. Vessels and macula appear healthy. Peripheral retina is attached 360°.

Vitreoretinal examination of the left eye was not possible secondary to dense cataract.

B-scan ultrasonography of the left eye shows retina to be attached. vitreous cavity was clear.

IMPRESSION: TRAUMATIC IRIDODIALYSIS, CATARACT AND HYPHEMA LEFT EYE.

COMMENT: I reviewed the findings of my clinical exam and B-scan ultrasonography with David and his mother. I explained to them that he has had severe trauma to his left eye. I have asked him to continue using Pred Forte and Ocufen drops to quiet the eye down. I explained to them the risk of developing cataract, glaucoma and a retinal detachment in future. Once the eye is quiet, I will perform a gonioscopic exam to rule out presence of cyclodialysis cleft. David will require lensectomy and possible visual rehabilitation with either contact lenses or an anterior chamber lens implant.

Helga, once again thank you for allowing me to participate in the care of this nice child. I will keep you informed on his progress. Regards and best wishes.

Sincerely,

M. Kirmani

MUZAFFAR H. KIRMANI, M.D.

MHK/po

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PATIENT NAME: David Hudette

PHONE NO.:

DATE OF BIRTH: 12/10

MEDICAL DOCTOR:

REFERRED BY:

CHIEF COMPLAINT:

↓ Na. Blunt Trauma on

HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS: 1541022.

Trauma to Rt eye while flying toy. 5/10/07 c/o
Accident. Vision - poor.

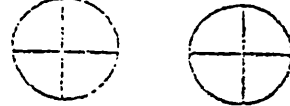
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MEDICATIONS:

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ALLERGIES: N/A

VIA OD Distance w/oor. w/o cor. Flinhole disc Near OS
OS 1577. w/oor. w/o cor.

COLOR, VISION (A0) STEREO AMSLER MADDOX
CD C/F 


EXTERNAL EXAMINATION: Motility: full

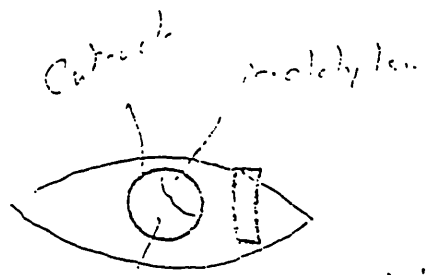
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SLITLAMP EXAM: OD OS

LIDS, LASHES, LACRIMAL:

CONJUNCTIVA: quiet

CORNEA: clear 



ANTERIOR CHAMBER: D.B.

IRIS: & Rubra

LENS: clear

APPLANATION TONOMOMETRY: 15.00 9.00

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PATIENT: DAVID Huddle
Phone # 341-7829

REFLECTED BY: Dr Pizio

F/u trauma C

Date New History:

5/15/97

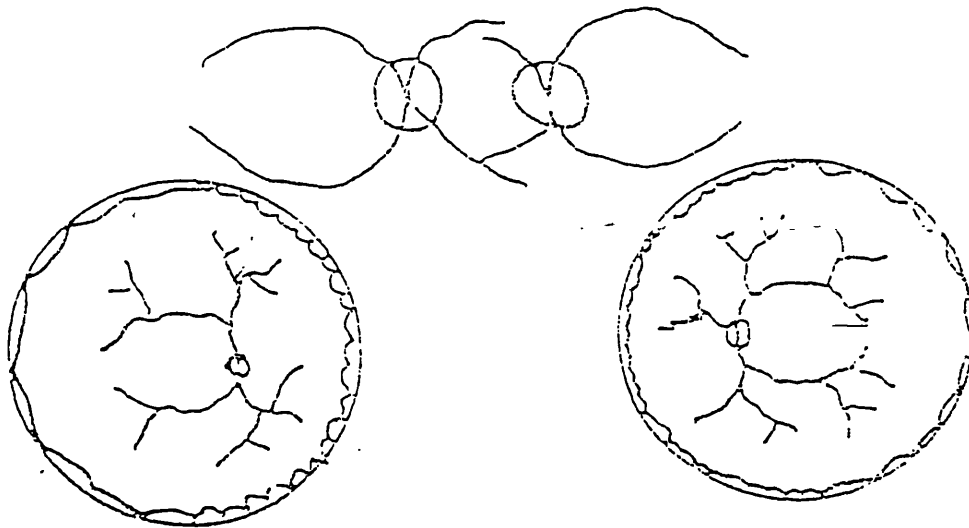
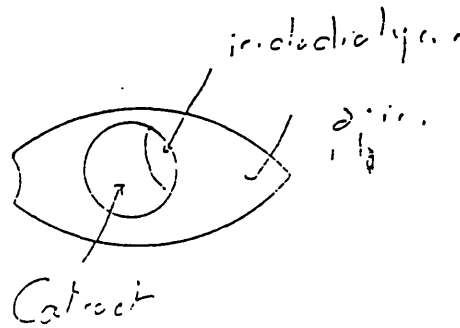
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Time dilated

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OS Am@Face (Circle 602) OS 0

External:

SLE R L
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Cornea
AC
Iris
Lens
Vitreous



IMPRESSIONS: 1. improving.

RECOMMENDATIONS: F/u — luk.

M. Kirmani
MUZAFFAR H. KIRMANI, MD

PATIENT: DAVID HULLER -
Phone # 341-7829

REFERRAL BY: DR. PIZIO

Flu trauma C

ate New History:

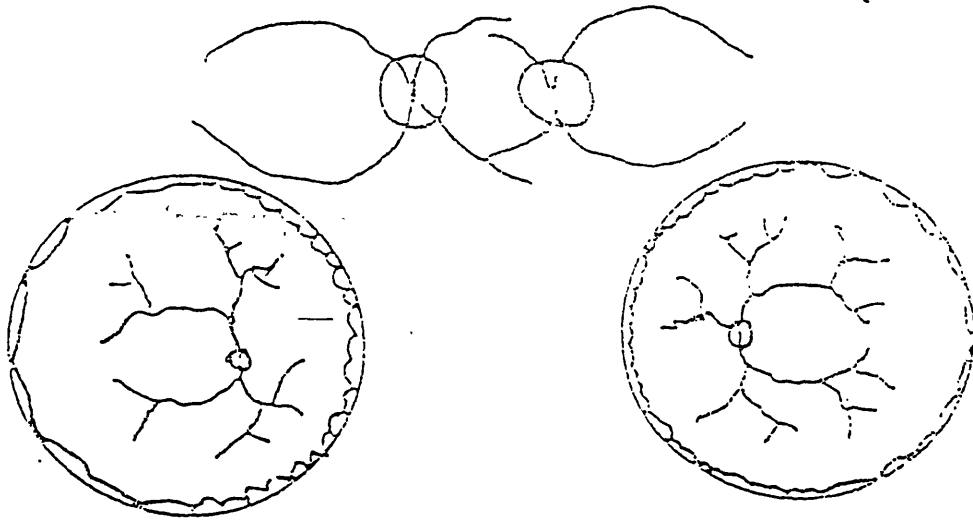
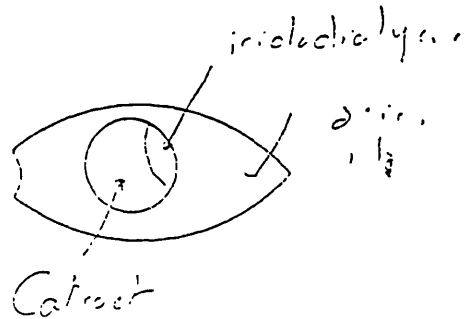
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External:

SLE R L
LLL
Conj
Cornea
AC
Iris
Lens
Vitreous



IMPRESSIONS: 1. improving

RECOMMENDATIONS: Flu — luk.

M. Kirmani
VOZAFER KIRMANI M.D.

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PATIENT: *Mueller Nasiraj*

REFERRAL:

Phone # *5/3/97* *F/L* *Ref # 1*

New History:

Current Medications:

VA	CO	PHD	W/Corr	W/O Corr	TA	CO
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External:

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Conj

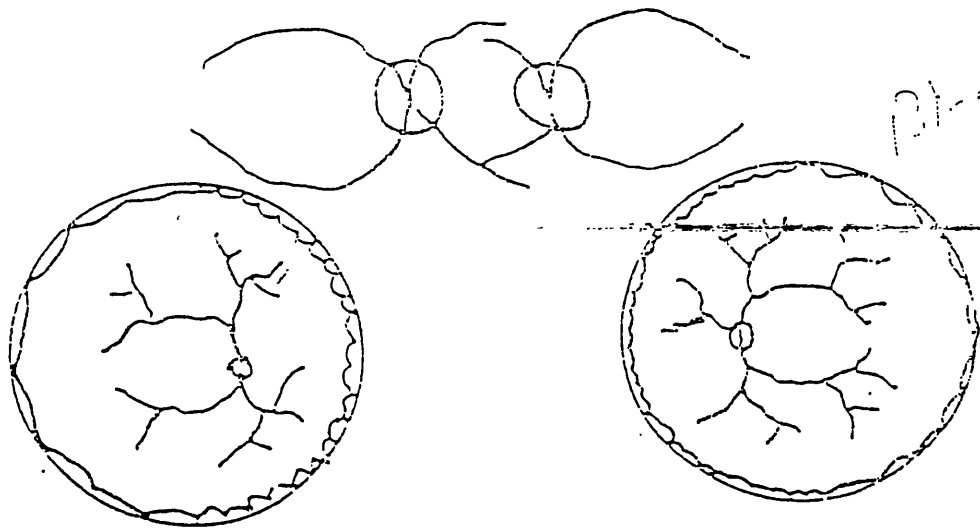
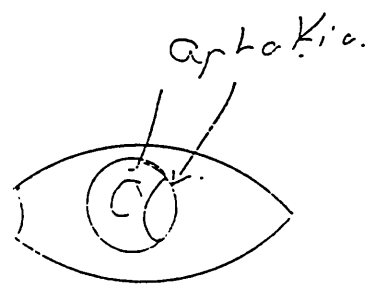
Cornea

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Iris

Lens

Vitreous



Bl- affected

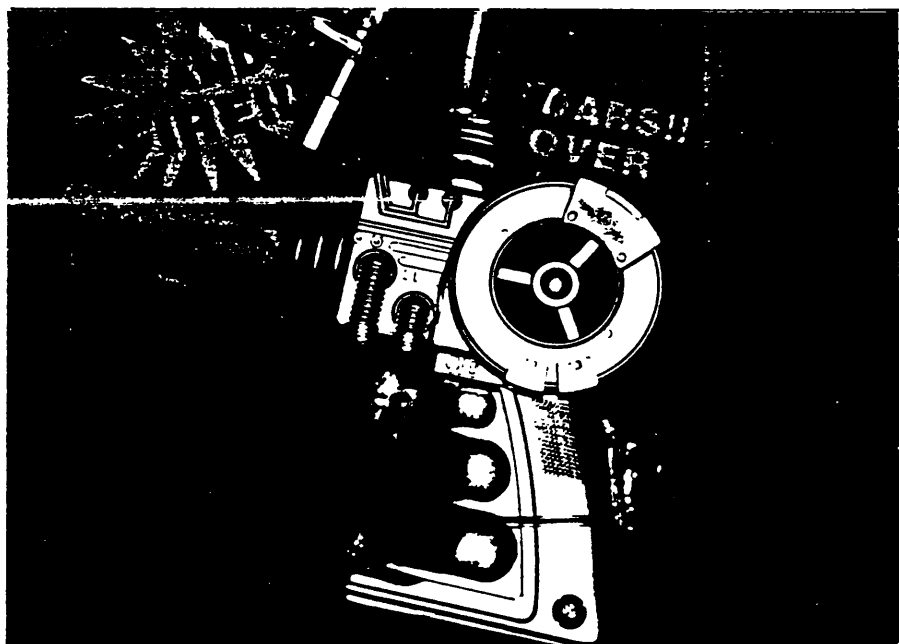
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RECOMMENDATIONS: *Alcon* *OS @ 117* *OS @ 116*

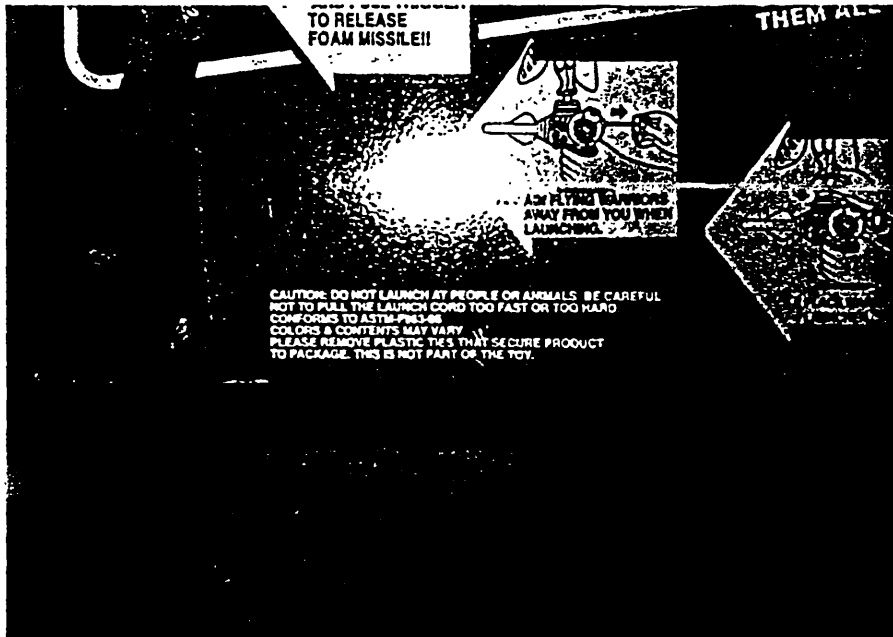
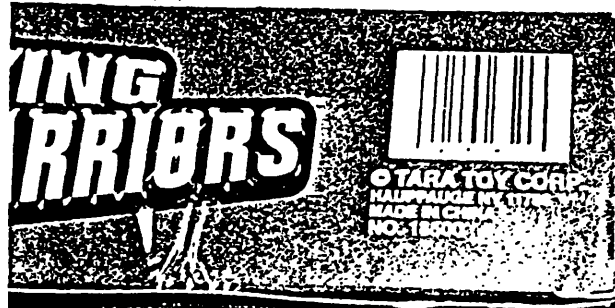
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MUZAFFAR H. KIRMANI, M.D.

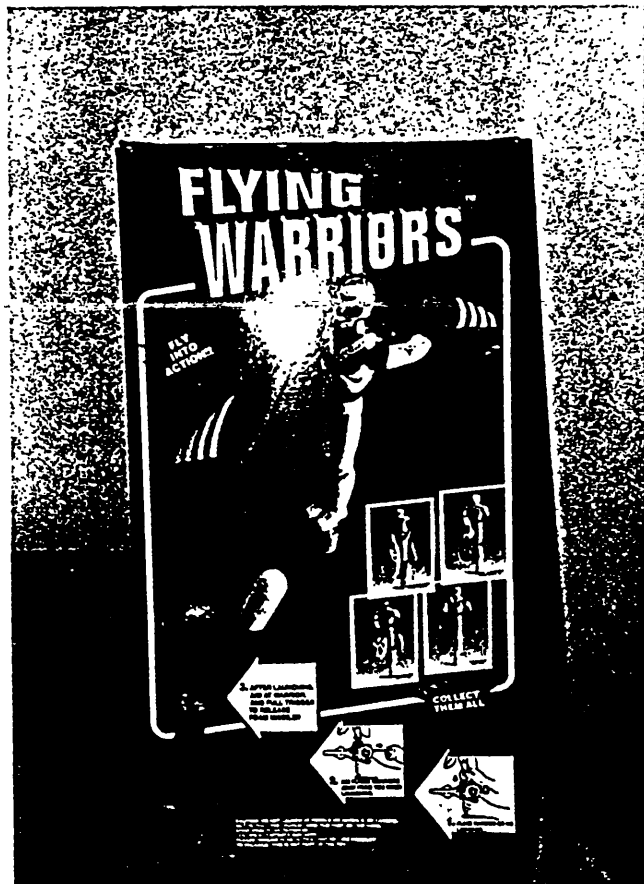
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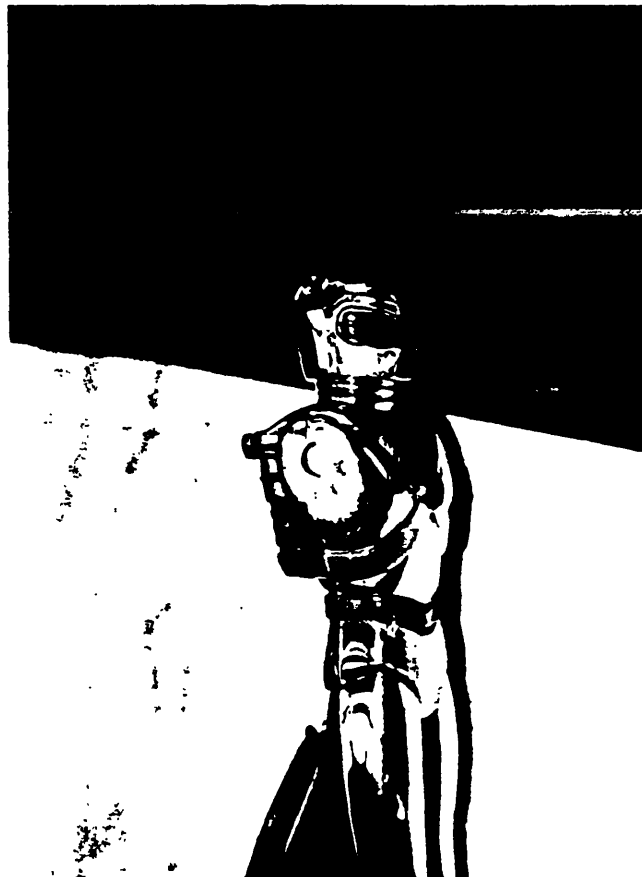


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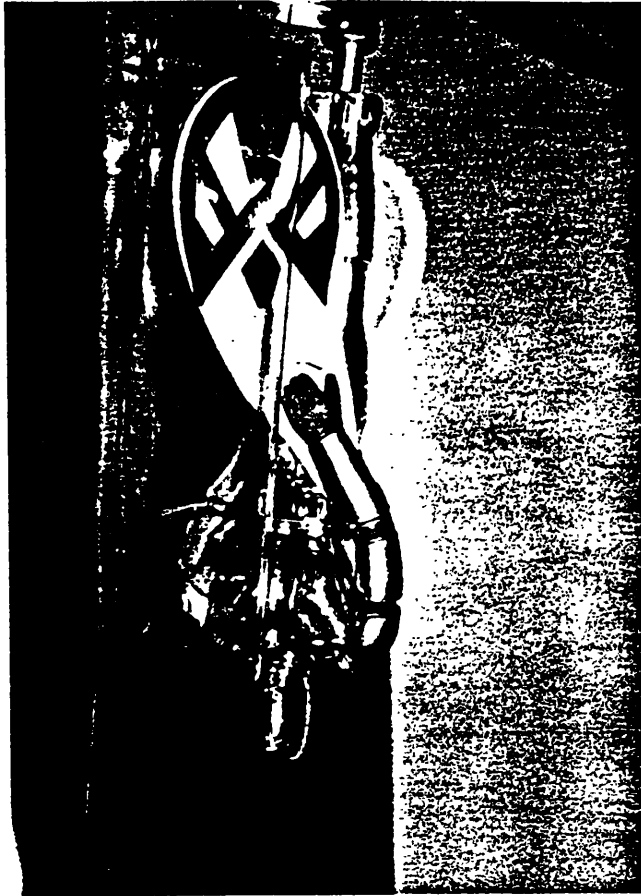


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PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

and up WARNING CHOKING HAZARD XXX CAUTION DO NOT LAUNCH AT PEOPLE OR ANIMALS. XXX CONFORMS TO ASTM-F963-95. TARA TOY CORP. HAUPPAUGE NY 11788" See attached photos.

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U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

NOTICE OF INSPECTION

1. DATE 7/30/97	3. FROM (Area Office and Address)
2. TIME A.M. 153 P.M.	

4. TO	A. NAME AND TITLE OF INDIVIDUAL Nikki Songala Anthony
	B. FIRM NAME Servis Motel Paradise
	C. NUMBER AND STREET ADDRESS 4701 W. Faircenter Parkway
	D. CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE Las Vegas, NV 89102

Notice of Inspection is hereby given pursuant to:

- Flammable Fabrics Act (15 U.S.C. 1191 *et seq.*);
- Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 41 *et seq.*);
- Sections 16, 19 and 27 of the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2065, 2068 and 2076)
- Section 704(a) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 374(a)) [Authority for inspections in connection with the Poison Prevention Packaging Act of 1970 (15 U.S.C. 1471 *et seq.*)] and/or
- Section 11(b) of the Federal Hazardous Substances Act as Amended (15 U.S.C. 1270(b)).

Refer to the back of this form for a discussion of inspectional authority and for pertinent statutory language.

5. PURPOSES OF INSPECTION AND NATURE OF INFORMATION TO BE OBTAINED AND/OR COPIED.

The purpose of this inspection is to obtain information: to review and obtain copies of items including but not limited to records, reports, books, documents; and labeling; and to obtain samples, in order to enforce or determine compliance with the Acts administered by the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

6. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

Those from whom information is requested should state whether any of the information submitted is believed to contain or relate to a trade secret or other matter which should be considered by the Commission to be confidential and whether any of the information is believed to be entitled to exemption from disclosure by the Commission under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (15 U.S.C. 552). Any statement asserting this claim of confidentiality must be in writing, and any request for exemption of the information from disclosure must be made in accordance with the Commission's Freedom of Information Act regulations. 16 CFR Part 1015.

7. SIGNATURE (Authorized CPSC Official)

Robert J. Bourne

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U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION		1. AREA OFFICE ADDRESS	
2. NAME OF INDIVIDUAL <i>Richard Orizales</i>		3. TITLE OF INDIVIDUAL <i>Authorizer</i>	4. DATE <i>7/23/97</i>
5. FIRM NAME <i>Service Merchandise</i>			6. SAMPLE NUMBER <i>97-860-5623</i>
7. NUMBER AND STREET <i>4701 W. Sunset Pkwy</i>		8. CITY AND STATE (Include Zip Code) <i>Las Vegas NV</i>	
9. SAMPLES COLLECTED (Describe fully. List lot, serial, model numbers and other positive identification)			
<p>The following samples were collected by the Consumer Product Safety Commission pursuant to Section 27(f) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2076(f)) and/or Section 11(b) of the Federal Hazardous Substances Act (15 U.S.C. 1270(b)) and/or Sections 5(c) and (d) of the Flammable Fabrics Act (15 U.S.C. 1194(c) and (d)) and/or Section 704(c) of the Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 374(c)) [Authority for sample collections made in connection with the Poison Prevention Packaging Act of 1970 (15 U.S.C. 1471 et seq.)], and receipt for said samples is hereby acknowledged. Sections cited are quoted on the reverse side of this form.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>2 units Flying Dummies</i></p>			
10. SAMPLES		11. SAMPLES WERE	12. COLLECTOR
a. AMOUNT RECEIVED FOR SAMPLE <i>\$ 5.99</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PURCHASED	a. NAME (Print or type) <i>Roger C. Furrows</i>
b. SIGNATURE (Person from whom sample received)		<input type="checkbox"/> BORROWED (To be returned)	b. SIGNATURE <i>Roger C. Furrows</i>

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AFFIDAVIT

SAMPLE NO. 97-860-5823

STATE OF Nevada

COUNTY OF Clark

Before me, Roger C. Bureau, a duly authorized employee of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, appropriately designated by the Chairman of said Commission pursuant to provisions of the Consumer Product Safety Act (sec. 27 (b)(2), 86 Stat. 1228; 15 U.S.C. 2076 (b)(2)), to administer or take oaths, affirmations, and affidavits, personally appeared Jackie Gonzalez in the county and State aforesaid, who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am authorized of Service Merchandise, Las Vegas, NV
This certifies that the sample consisting of 2 units of Flying Warriors collected by Investigator Roger C. Bureau on 7/23/97 was taken from stock received by my firm from our distribution center, Las Vegas, NV.
on 9/16/96.

AFFIANT'S SIGNATURE & TITLE

Jackie Gonzalez

FIRM (Name and address, include ZIP Code)

Service Merchandise
4701 W. Faircenter Parkway
Las Vegas, NV 89102

Subscribed and sworn to before me at

Las Vegas, NV
(City and State)

this 23rd day of July, 1997

Roger C. Bureau
(Employee's Signature)

EMPLOYEE OF THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION ACTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH AUTHORITY GRANTED IN THE ABOVE STATED DECLARATION.

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SERVICE MERCHANDISE CO., INC.
CUSTOMER COMMISSION - SALE

REG 07 SEQ 0011 REG TYPE 15 14:05 07/23/97
01 568175 2 FLYING WARRIOR \$2.80 \$5.60 < SLFSRV
CLERK 313304 2 1 SUB TOTAL = \$5.60
TAX = \$0.39
TOTAL = \$5.99 CUSTOMER COPY

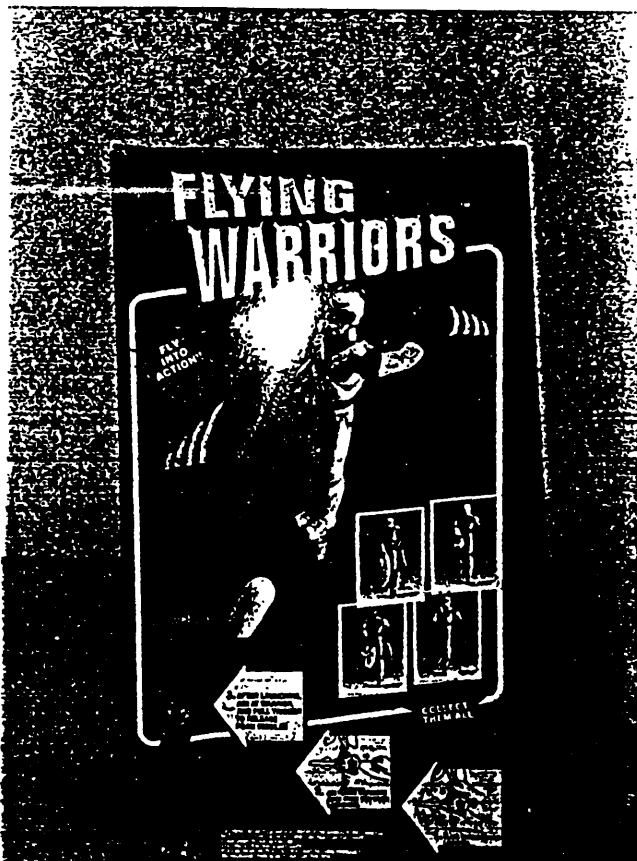
CREDIT CARD \$5.99 EXP: 0999 NUMBER: 6011300230075242 023030 1
(- INDICATES ITEM ON SALE

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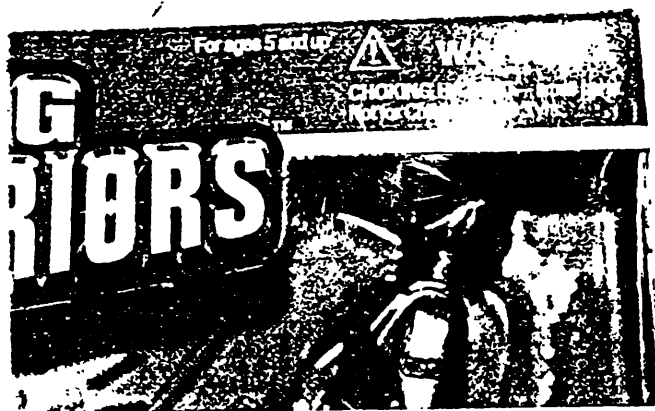
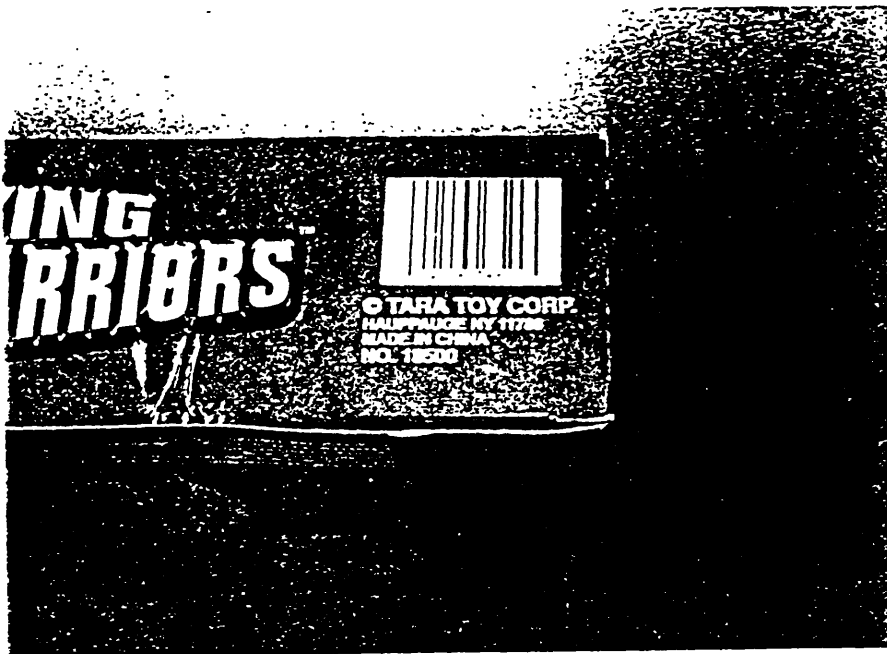
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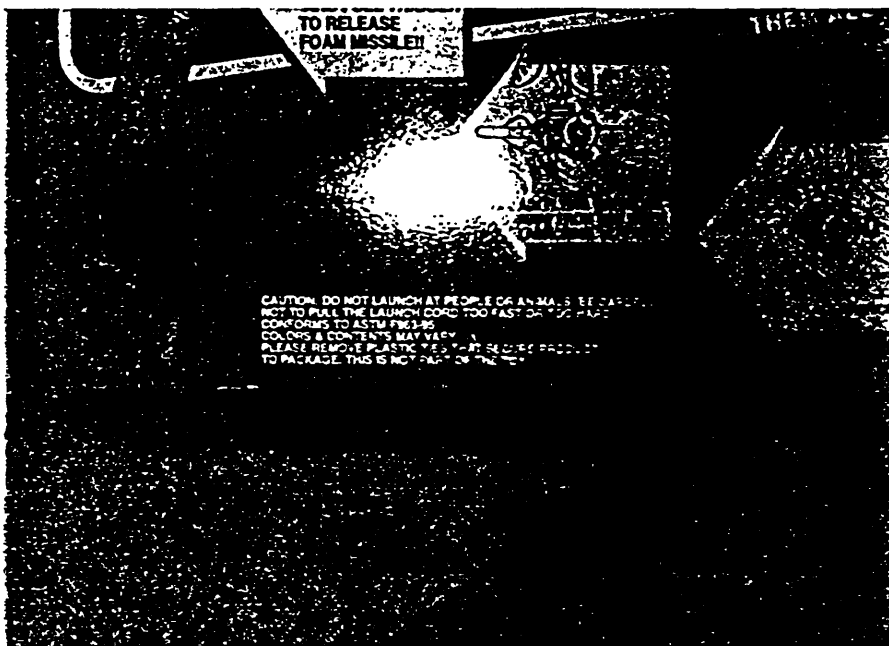
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Roger W
KJB

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

Document Number 49750140A
Date of Incident 5/10/97 Category I.D. 500TJK1997

Follow-Up Requested Hazard Analysis Section 15
Type Follow-Up Requested Telephone Call On-Site

Headquarters Contact Tom Kennedy
Assignment Message Please conduct an on-site investigation of the incident & collect the sample.

Person(s) to Contact Towel Peak
702-341-7829

Guideline _____

Requested By _____

Task Number 970609CCC 3200

Assigned to SFOC Date _____

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 CONSUMER PRODUCT INCIDENT REPORT

JUL Jean
 Region: WESTERN

1. NAME OF RESPONDENT
 Jewel Peck

2. PHONE NO. (HOME) (WORK)
 702-341-7829 none

3. STREET ADDRESS
 9424 Deer Lodge Ln.

4. CITY STATE ZIP CODE
 Las Vegas NV 89129

5. DESCRIBE INCIDENT OR HAZARD, INCLUDING DATA ON INJURIES
 Son pulled string to launch toy figure into the air when toy's 5" long hard plastic wing detached (how unknown), hit a child standing a few feet away (distance unknown) and bounced back and hit son in his left eye. Son was treated for lacerations and a torn iris, at Mike O' Callaghan Federal Hospital. Dr. (name unknown) referred consumer to an ophthalmologist,
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6. DATE OF INCIDENTS
 5/10/97

7. IF INJURY OR NEAR MISS OBTAIN AGE/SEX AND DESCRIBE INJURY:
 15 Y/M
 see narrative

8. IF VICTIM DIFFERENT FROM RESPONDENT, PROVIDE NAME RELATIONSHIP
 David Huddler
 son

9. DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT
 7" tall hard plastic toy figure w/launcher

10. BRAND NAME
 Flying Warriors

11. MFR/DISTRIBUTOR NAME, ADDR. & PHONE
 Tara Toy Corp.
 unknown
 Hauppauge, NY 11788
 unknown
 unknown

12. MODEL, SERIAL NUMBERS
 18500

13. DEALER'S NAME, ADDRESS & PHONE
 unknown, gift
 unknown
 unknown
 unknown

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14. WAS THE PRODUCT DAMAGED, REPAIRED OR MODIFIED? YES x NO IF YES, BEFORE OR AFTER THE INCIDENT? after DESCRIBE:
 damaged: see narrative

15. PRODUCT PURCHASED NEW x USED DATE PURCHASED 5/10/97 AGE 1 day

16. DOES PRODUCT HAVE WARNING LABELS? IF SO, NOTE: see narrative
 970609CCC3200

17. HAVE YOU CONTACTED THE MANUFACTURER? YES NO x IF NOT, DO YOU PLAN TO CONTACT THEM? YES NO x OTHER?

18. IS THE PRODUCT STILL AVAILABLE? (YES x) NO IF NOT, ITS DISPOSITION

19. MAY WE USE YOUR NAME WITH THIS REPORT? YES x NO

FOR ADMINISTRATION USE

20. DATE RECEIVED
 05/13/97

21. RECEIVED BY (NAME & OFFICE)
 mmc/HL

22. DOCUMENT NO.
 H9750160A

23. FOLLOW-UP ACTION

24. PRODUCT CODE(S)
 1317

25. DISTRIBUTION

26. ENDORSER'S NAME & TITLE
 CCH 5/14/1997

Narrative Continued

Dr. Helga Pizio who examined son and prescribed antibiotics. Dr. Pizio said son's eye had developed cataracts and referred son to a retina specialist,

Dr. Muzaffar Kirmani, who said son's eye developed glaucoma and to continue antibiotics.

(Date unknown) consumer said son will have surgery to repair iris and to remove the cataract; son's next appointment with Dr. Kirmani is scheduled from 5/15/97.

7" tall hard plastic toy figure is silver and yellow with 5" long hard plastic red and yellow wings, a silver and red hard plastic detachable toy gun (size not available) and yellow and silver hard plastic launcher with a 8.5" long string.

Toy figure was purchased for 5-year-old son, Branden.

Warning labels: "Choking hazard, small parts. Not for children under 3-years. For ages 5 and up. Caution: don't launch at people or animals and be careful not to pull launch cord to fast or too hard."

CPSC Source: CPA

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U.S. GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT
SAFETY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20207

Date: 15 JAN 1993

TO : The File
FROM : Eastern Regional Center
SUBJECT: "No Action Indicated" Classification
Case Delegation Authority.

A. FIRM:

Tara Toys
40 Adams Avenue
Hauppauge, NY 11788

Case No. 92G052

B. PRODUCT/VIOLATION:

The firm's Sesame Street Nursery Set, Model 71700 (Big Bird) as well as the Cookie Monster model under the same name and model number were found to be in violation of Small Parts under 16 CFR 1501.4, FHSA. The collection reports are P-800-1012 (Cookie Monster) and P-800-1013 (Big Bird).

C. CLASSIFICATION/JUSTIFICATION:

This case is declared "No Action Indicated" as completed a requested and successful retail level recall for the "Big Bird" version of the model 71700 and stopped distribution on the Cookie Monster version of the same model.

Prepared By: Steven Garitta
Steven Garitta
Compliance Officer

Date: 1/15/93

Reviewed By: Robert E. Moro
Robert E. Moro
Senior Compliance Officer

Date: 1/15/93

Approved By: Richard D. Swackhamer
Richard D. Swackhamer
Regional Director
Eastern Regional Center

Date: 1-15-93

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U.S. GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

U. S. CONSUMER PRODUCT
SAFETY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20207

Date: Jan 15 1993

TO : The File
FROM : Eastern Regional Center
SUBJECT: "No Action Indicated" Classification
Case Delegation Authority.

A. FIRM:

Tara Toys
40 Adams Avenue
Hauppauge, NY 11788

Case No. 92G035

B. PRODUCT/VIOLATION:

The firm's Sesame Street Nursery Set, Style 71700 was found to be in violation of Small Parts under 1501.4, FHSA.

C. CLASSIFICATION/JUSTIFICATION:

This case is declared "No Action Indicated" since the firm conducted and completed a successful consumer level recall as requested.

Prepared By: Steven Garitta
Steven Garitta
Compliance Officer

Date: 1/15/93

Reviewed By: Robert E. Moro
Robert E. Moro
Senior Compliance Officer

Date: 1/15/93
Approved By: Richard D. Swackhamer
Richard D. Swackhamer
Regional Director
Eastern Regional Center

Date: 1-15-93

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United States Government
Memorandum

U.S. Consumer Product
Safety Commission
Washington, D.C. 20207

Date: 1/11/93

TO : Pat Fairall, CERM
THRU : Richard D. Swackhamer, ~~Regional Director~~, FOER
THRU : Gilbert Bodin, Supv. Inv. *Albert*
FROM : Beverly J. Kohen, Inv. *B.K.*
SUBJECT : Recall #P-800-1013
Case #92G052
Sesame Street Nursery Set
#71700 (Big Bird, Teddy Bear, Stroller, Rocking Horse)

Recalling Firm: Tara Toys
40 Adams Avenue
Hauppauge, NY 11788

Manufacturer : Soma Traders
Hong Kong

FINAL REPORT AND EVALUATION OF RECALL:

1. Firm's Actual Recall:

On December 17, 1991, sample #P800-1013 was collected from one of the firm's consignees as a follow-up to PIRG's "Bad Toy" list. The list included the Nursery set with Ernie, the duck, a swing and bathtub, but did not list this set which has the same model number as the listed set. This sample was collected after the original sample that was on the PIRG list failed Use and Abuse testing.

When subjected to Use and Abuse testing as outlined in 16 CFR 1500.52, a component consisting of the wheel from the stroller fit entirely inside the small parts tester as described in 16 CFR 1501.4.

In February, 1992, the firm mailed 6 Notices of Recall. Each consignee was asked to stop sale of the item and return the unsold units to the firm. They were also asked to contact their retailers to ask them to stop sale. There was no consumer level recall on this item.

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2. Dates Program Started and Completed:

The firm mailed the Notices of Recall in February, 1992 and destroyed the returns in October, 1992.

3. Evaluation of Notification Program:

Each region was asked to complete one effectiveness check with two sub-recall checks.

FOER and FOER completed their checks which indicted the recall to be effective.

4. Number of Products Involved:

From February, 1991 to September, 1991, the firm imported and sold approximately 12,000 pieces of the toy. It did not have the item in stock when the recall began.

The firm conducted the recall at the same time as recall P-800-1006 which involves another style of this same toy. Its return of both styles total 1800; the firm does not distinguish between the styles.

5. Disposition of Returns:

The returns were destroyed by compaction as witnessed by the CPSC on October 22, 1992,

6. Action Taken by Firm to Prevent Reoccurrence:

The firm destroyed the returns and will not import the item again.

7. Sample:

P-800-1013

8. Injuries, Deaths, Safety Related Complaints, Legal Actions:

None known to firm.

9. Recommendation and Rationale for Termination:

The firm destroyed the returns and will not import the item again. We consider this recall to be complete.

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United States Government
Memorandum


U.S. Consumer Product
Safety Commission
Washington, D.C. 20207

Date: 1/11/93

TO : Pat Fairall, CERM

THRU : Richard D. Swackhamer, Regional Director, FOER 

THRU : Gilbert Bodin, Supv. Inv. 

FROM : Beverly J. Kohen, Inv. 

SUBJECT : Recall #P-800-1006
Case #92G035
Recalled Product: Sesame Street Nursery Set,
Style #71700 (Ernie, duck, swing, and
bath tub set).

Recalling Firm : Tara Toys
40 Adams Avenue
Hauppauge, NY 11788

Manufacturer : Soma International
Hong Kong

FINAL REPORT AND EVALUATION OF RECALL:

1. Firm's Actual Recall:

On November 25, 1991, sample #P-800-1006 was collected from one of the firm's consignees as a follow-up to PIRG's "Bad Toy" list.

When subjected to Use and Abuse Testing as outlined in 16 CFR 1500.52, a component separated from the toy. This component, consisting of the facet on the bath tub, fit entirely inside the small parts tester as described in 16 CFR 1501.4.

On December 16, 1991, the firm mailed six Notice of Inspection and Point-of-Purchase posters. Each consignee was asked to stop sale of the item, and return its unsold stock and consumer returns. They were also asked to contact their retailers requesting that the retailers conduct a consumer level recall.

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2. Dates Program started and Completed:

The firm mailed the Notices of Recall in December, 1991 and destroyed the returns in October 1992.

3. Evaluation of Notification Program:

A request for one effectiveness check with two sub-recall checks was made to each region.

FOER and FOCR found that the checks indicated the recall to be effective.

4. Number of Products Involved:

From February 1991, to September 1991, the firm imported and sold approximately 12,000 pieces of toys. It did not have the item in stock.

The firm conducted this recall at the same time as recall #P-800-1013 which involves another style of this same toy. Its returns of both styles totaled 1800; the firm does not distinguish between the styles.

5. Disposition of Returns:

The returns were destroyed by compaction as witnessed by the CPSC on October 22, 1992.

6. Action Taken by Firm to Prevent Reoccurrence:

The firm destroyed the returns and will not import the item again.

7. Sample:

P-800-1006

8. Injuries, Deaths, Safety Related Complaints, Legal Actions:

This toy appeared on PIRG's "Bad Toys list" which came in November, 1991.

9. Recommendation and Rationale for Termination:

The firm has destroyed the returns and has agreed not to import the item again. We consider this recall to be completed.

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United States Government
Memorandum

U.S. Consumer Product
Safety Commission
Washington, D.C. 20207

Date: 1/11/93

TO : Pat Fairall, CERM

THRU : Richard D. Swackhamer, Regional Director, FOER

THRU : Gilbert Bodin, Supv. Inv. *subject to*

FROM : Beverly J. Kohen, Inv. *B. Kohen*

SUBJECT : Recall #M-800-9306- (Big Bird)
 #M-800-9307- (Ernie)
 #M-800-9308- (Cookie Monster)
 Case #92B033
 Recalled Product: Sesame Street Push Power Assortment,
 Style #75110

Recalling Firm : Tara Toys
 40 Adams Avenue
 Hauppauge, NY 11788

Manufacturer : Soma International
 Kowloon, Hong Kong

FINAL REPORT AND EVALUATION OF RECALL.

1. Firm's Actual Recall:

On September 27, 1991 samples of each of the three styles in the assortment were collected during Operation Toyland. The units were being imported by Shepherd Distributing, a customer of the firm. The firm was not the importer of record for this item, each customer imports the item, and the firm acted as a sales representative. The firm assumed responsibility for the recall.

When subjected to use and abuse testing as outlined in 16 CFR 1500.51/52 small plastic pieces from various parts of the toys separated. These components fit entirely inside the small parts tester as described in 16 CFR 1501.4.

In March, 1992, the firm mailed 10 Notices of Recall and Point-of-Purchase Posters to its customers who are chain store retailers. The notice asked the consignees to stop sale, return the toys to Tara and post the posters in their retail locations.

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Dates Program Started and Completed:

The firm mailed the Notices of Recall in March, 1992. On e consignee destroyed its stock in April, 1992, the firm destroyed its stock in May, 1992 and its returns were destroyed in October, 1992.

3. Evaluation of Notification Program:

FOER was asked to complete two effectiveness checks each with one sub-recall check and FOER was asked to complete one effectiveness check with two sub-recall checks.

All of the checks were completed and indicated that the recall was effective.

4. Number of Products Involved:

The firm was not the importer of record for any of the toys. Each individual customer imported the toys. A total of 44,376 units were sold from August, 1991, until September 1991. The firm had no stock of the item.

The firm received a total of 8671 returns from customers. One consignee destroyed 1404 units under CPSC supervision.

5. Disposition of Returned Products:

In May, 1992, the firm destroyed 8,124 units by compaction under CPSC supervision. AN additional 547 units were destroyed in October, 1992. CPSC also witnessed the destruction of 1404 units at one of the firm's customers.

6. Action Taken to Prevent Reoccurrence:

The firm destroyed the returns and will not sell the toy again.

7. Samples:

- P-800-9306- Big Bird on fire engine
- P-800-9307- Cookie Monster on scooter
- P-800-9308- Ernie on airplane

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8. Injuries, Deaths, Safety Related Complaints, Legal Actions:

None known to firm.

9. Recommendation and Rationale for Termination:

The firm destroyed the returns and will not sell this item again. We consider this recall to be completed.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT INCIDENT REPORT

1. Name of Respondent EILEEN Bechsta		2. Telephone No. (Home) 434-8981		(Work) —	
3. Street Address 1432 Linden St		4. City, State, Zip Code Allentown Pa 18102			
5. Give details of accident, injury, or illness. Describe how incident occurred. (Use reverse side if necessary.) Sesame street fully bendable (child safe) doll 2 inches tall. Wire came thru the arm. Item only 2 weeks old No injury. Problem caught in time Ages 3+ up. child using item is 3 muppet trademark					
6. If injury or illness: Victim's Name _____ Relationship _____ Age _____ Sex _____ Date _____ Type Injury _____ Body Part Involved _____ Treatment _____					
7. Description of Product Fully Bendable doll. 2 inches tall Sesame street character.			8. Was the product: Damaged before incident? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Repaired before incident? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Repaired after incident? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
9. Brand Name N/A Muppet Trademark			10. Identifying Numbers, Letters, etc. 71000 style #		
11. Manufacturer's Name and Address 1986 Tara Toy Corp. Hautpauge, N.Y. 11788			12. Dealer's Name and Address		
13. How product acquired? Purchased New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Second Hand <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____				14. Age of Product 2 weeks	
15. Is product available for inspection? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			16. Does product have warning labels or instructions? Are they available? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
17. Have you contacted the manufacturer? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If not, do you plan to contact them? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			18. Do you object to the use of your name? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY					
19. Receiving Office PHLRP		20. Date Received 3/16/88		21. Received by David Stewart	
22. Reporting Office				24. Document No. N83-0069	
23. Source of Report Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Phone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visit <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____				26. Product Code(s) A. 5009 B.	
25. Follow-Up Action NO FIC				27.	
28. Distribution EPDS/EP/FOEP CP			29. Endorser's Name/Title Raymond Bechsta, Program Officer		

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT
SAFETY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20207

MEMORANDUM

TO : Mary Toro, CARM

DATE: November 10, 1988

FROM : Richard D. Swackhamer
Regional Director, FOER ~~FOER~~

SUBJECT : RN88-0073 Poseable Dolls; Sesame Street Figures
"Ernie", "Bert", & "Cookie Monster" #71000

Recalling Firm: Tara Toy Co.
40 Adams Avenue
Hauppauge, N.Y. 11788

FINAL REPORT AND EVALUATION OF RECALL

1. Firm's actual recall/connective action plan:

The heads of these figures separate during use and abuse testing, and are a small parts hazard. The firm discontinued distribution and notified its consignees. It requested its consignees to return the dolls for credit and to display recall notification signs.

2. Dates program started and completed:

The firm notified its consignees in November, 1987. It received the last of the returns in April of 1988.

3. Evaluation of Notification Program:

a. Recalling firm's method of Notification:

Eighteen consignees were notified by a letter which included recall notification signs.

b. Distributor/Retailer Effectiveness Checks

There were fourteen effectiveness checks conducted. Two establishments were out of business, eight consignees received the letter and followed the instructions; therefore, the recall was effective for those consignees. Three consignees did not receive the notice but did not carry the items in their stock. One consignee initially ordered 200 pieces and never received the recall notice. However, they were ordered in 1986 from another company.

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Of the three consignees who did not receive the notice, one was a buying organization which claimed the notice possibly went to the individual members of the organization. However, this organization only does about \$2000 of business with Tara Toys. There were twelve on-site checks and two telephone checks conducted. Eight were retailers, three were wholesalers, and one was a buying organization.

4. Number of products returned/corrected:

Approximately 35,000 units were destroyed as a result of the recall.

5. What was disposition of returned product:

The products were destroyed by breaking them up. They were then disposed of in a dumpster. This was not witnessed by CPSC because the firm did not know someone had to be present. However, Michael Seiler, controller assured me the units had been destroyed as stated in a letter from him.

6. Action taken by the firm to prevent recurrence:

The design was modified so that the heads can not separate. The new version contains a label reading "New Version".

7. Samples Collected:

During an April 20, 1987 inspection, the "Ernie" doll was sampled under 1805-4746, and the "Cookie Monster" doll was 1805-4747. On an inspection occurring on July 13, 1987, "Cookie Monster" was again sampled under 1-805-3927. No samples of the modified version were taken.

8. Legal actions initiated:

There have been no legal actions.

9. Injuries, deaths and complaints:

None that have been reported.

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TARA TOY CORP.

40 ADAMS AVENUE, HAUPPAUGE, N.Y. 11788



(516) 273-8697
FAX (516) 273-8583

FOR QUALITY IN DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

November 8, 1988

Ms. Beverly Kohen
U.S. Consumer Safety Products
6 World Trade Center 3rd Floor
New York, N.Y. 10048

Dear Ms Kohen:

In accordance with your request regarding Item 71000 - Sesame Street Poseable Collectibles, please be advised that:

All items which came under the recall were return to
Tara Toy Corp.

All recalled items were destroyed in our Baler (Industrial Trash Compactor)
and dumped.

As I indicated to you - all recalled items were destroyed.

If I can be of any further assistance to you please feel free to contact me.

Yours truly,

TARA TOY CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Seiler".

Michael Seiler
Controller

MS/jl

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TARA TOY CORP.

40 ADAMS AVENUE, HAUPPAUGE, N.Y. 11788

April 19, 1988



(516) 273-TOYS
TWX No. 7105822457

FOR QUALITY IN DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

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Mr. Joel I. Friedman, Director
National Injury Information Clearinghouse
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
Washington, D.C. 20207

Re: Case No. 880107HCC0161
Investigator's I.D. #8863
Official Code: 805
Date of Accident: 12/10/87
Date of Investigation: 2/3/88

RECEIVED
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Dear Mr. Friedman:

Enclosed please find a copy of the investigation report which we received regarding a complaint concerning our Sesame Street Big Blocks.

Regarding the accident which was set forth in your report, let me first state that we are relieved that there was no injury to the child. At Tara, we are very sensitive to the safety of our products. We do all within our power to ensure that the products we bring to market are safe.

Specifically, in reference to the Sesame Street Blocks, we have had this product on the market for two years, and have never had any problems or complaints. All our products, including the Sesame Street Big Blocks, undergo lab test to ensure that they meet the federal guidelines. The facility which we use, Lab Test Hong Kong Ltd, is of the highest caliber and a member of the American Society for Testing and Materials.

I have enclosed copies of our latest lab test, dated 4/15/87, for the the Sesame Street Big Blocks. Please note the age rating is One and Up. All results indicate that the product passed the requirements of the U.S. Product Safety Commission.

As indicated in your report, under the heading - Product I.D. - you state "The blocks show a great deal of hard use." Given the above facts regarding this complaint, as well as our lab test results, we feel very strongly that this product is safe.

Please feel free to contact me if you require additional information.

Yours truly,

TARA TOY CORPORATION
Michael Seiler
Michael Seiler
Controller

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U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20207

President
Tara Toy Corp.
40 Adams Avenue
Hauppauge, NY 11788-3606

April 5, 1988

Dear Sir:

Re: 880107HCC0161

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission shares with firms product complaints and in-depth investigation reports concerning injuries or potential injuries associated with products the firms manufacture or import that are within the Commission's jurisdiction. Some of the reports are very detailed. Others are not detailed but nevertheless mention the products by name.

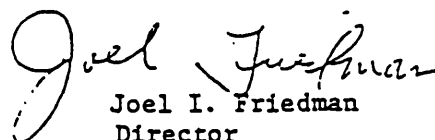
To best serve the interests of consumer and manufacturers, we now screen these reports and generally do not send to firms reports involving products (1) where the complainant has already contacted the manufacturer, (2) where the problem appears to be economic rather than safety related, or (3) where it appears that the product is not at fault or indirectly involved.

Applying these criteria, we have determined that the enclosed information should be sent to you. We believe that sharing this information benefits the Commission, consumers, and industry since problems submitted by conscientious users can serve as an early warning signal that there may be a product safety problem. If you wish to comment on the enclosed report(s), you may submit your comments to the undersigned. Be sure to include the above-mentioned document number and the name of the product in any reply.

If the report we have provided you along with other information you have or may receive reasonably supports the conclusion that there would be a substantial product hazard, please keep in mind your reporting responsibilities under Section 15 of the Consumer Product Safety Act, 15 U.S.C. Section 2064(b). For more information on the reporting requirements, please contact Carlos Perez, Directorate for Compliance and Administrative Litigation, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207 (301-492-6608).

In the interest of product safety, we will continue to share these reports with you.

Sincerely,


Joel I. Friedman
Director

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** CERTAIN COMPLAINTS/INCIDENTS ARE SELECTED **
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** FOR FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION BY THE COMMIS- **
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** SION. THIS REPORT MAY REFER TO A COMPLAINT **
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** PREVIOUSLY SENT TO YOUR COMPANY. IN MOST **
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** INSTANCES, HOWEVER, IT CONTAINS ADDITIONAL **
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** INFORMATION FOR YOUR REVIEW. **
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"TVNN 201988"

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1. CASE NO. 380107HCC0161			2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID 8 8 6 3			3. OFFICE CODE 8 0 5			EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT
4. DATE OF ACCIDENT YR MO DAY 8 17 1 12 1 10			5. DATE INVESTIGATION INITIATED YR MO DAY 8 8 0 12 0 3						

6. SYNOPSIS OF ACCIDENT OR COMPLAINT A 34 month old boy playing with a set of plastic interlocking blocks managed to get a wheel from one of the blocks lodged in his throat. It is not known how child got the wheel off the block. His mother was able to pull the wheel out of the child's mouth. The wheel fits into the small parts tester.

7. LOCATION (Home, school, etc.) Home	8. CITY 1 0 Rockville	9. STATE V A
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10A. FIRST PRODUCT Stacking Toys	11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS "Mega" Blocks Tara Toy Co. Hauppauge, NY 11788
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10B. SECOND PRODUCT	11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS
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12. AGE OF VICTIM 0 0 0	13. SEX (Use numerical code) MALE - 1 FEMALE - 2 UNKNOWN - 3 0	14. DISPOSITION No Injury 0	15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS No Injury 7 1
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16. BODY PART 9 9	17. RESPONDENT(S) (Mother, Friend) Mother 1	18. TYPE INVESTIGATION ON SITE 1 TELEPHONE 2 OTHER 3 1	19. TIME SPENT 0 8 0
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20. ATTACHMENTS Photographs 1	21. CASE SOURCE Complaint 0 7	22. REVIEWED BY 8 1 7 0 YR MO DAY 8 8 0 2 2 9
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23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES
(NON-NESS CASES ONLY) CPSC MAY DISCLOSE MY NAME CPSC MAY NOT DISCLOSE MY NAME

24. NARRATIVE (See Instructions on Other Side) <u>PRE-ACCIDENT</u>	25. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR REVIEW <i>Raymond Penson</i> DATE 3/7/88
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The product involved in this accident is a set of stacking blocks. The toy is called "Mega Blocks". It is manufactured by Tara Toy Corp. of Hauppauge, NY.

"Mega Blocks" is a set of 17 plastic blocks. The blocks are two sizes. One size is approximately 2" x 2" x 2½". The other size is 4" x 2" x 2½". The set contains eight of the smaller size blocks and nine of the larger size one. Due to the raised surfaces on the top of each block, the blocks are interlocking. The blocks are open at the bottom and are hollow inside.

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(USE OTHER SIDE AND ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

PRE-ACCIDENT (CON'T)

One of the larger sized blocks has four plastic wheels attached to it. The wheels are approximately one inch in diameter. The wheels are attached to the block by a piece of plastic which extends from the side of the block. This piece of plastic is the size of the width of the wheel (3/8"). There is a hole in the center of the wheel which fits over this plastic piece, thereby attaching the wheel to the block. The wheels do turn which enables the block to roll.

The "Mega Blocks" were given to the complainant's son as a birthday present for his second birthday on February 12, 1987. Although the complainant no longer has the retail carton, she stated the carton had an age recommendation for "one to eight years of age".

Both of the complainant's sons, ages 2 and 4, played with the blocks.

On December 10, 1987, the complainant's younger son was playing with the mega blocks. He was playing by himself, however, the complainant was in the room putting away some other toys. At that time, the child was 34 months old. He was approximately 34" tall and weighed 24 lbs. The complainant cannot remember how long the child had been playing with the mega blocks.

ACCIDENT

Although the complainant was in the room with her son, she was busy putting other toys away. She glanced at her son and noticed he had a strange look on his face. She then realized he had something in his mouth. She opened his mouth and discovered one of the wheels was lodged in the back of his throat.

POST ACCIDENT

The wheel lodged at the back of the child's throat was in an upright position, thereby touching the roof of his throat and his tongue and not touching either side of his mouth. The complainant was able to reach in with her fingers and pull the wheel out.

The child was able to breathe with the wheel lodged in his mouth. However, he did not attempt to cry out or make any other sounds. The complainant does not know how long the wheel was in the child's mouth. She did not see him put the wheel in his mouth.

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POST ACCIDENT (CON'T)

The complainant does not know how or when the wheel came off the block. She does not know if the child used his mouth or his hands to pull the wheel off the block. It is not known if the wheel was still attached to the block when the child began playing with the blocks prior to the accident. She cannot recall how the child was playing with the blocks prior to the accident.

The "Mega Blocks" had been purchased from a local Best Products store. The complainant went to the store to find the name of the manufacturer. The store no longer carries the toy. However, the manager was able to locate the name of the manufacturer on the inside of the block. The words "1986 Tara Toy" and "1986 Muppets Inc." are printed on the top of the inside of the block. Since this is printed in the same color as the block, it is not readily readable. The store manager was then able to find the address for Tara Toy Corporation.

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

Product:	Set of 17 interlocking plastic blocks.
Model:	"Mega Blocks"
Manufacturer:	Tara Toy Corp. 40 Adams Ave. Hauppauge, NY 11788
Date of Purchase:	February 1987
Place of Purchase:	Best Products Richmond, VA
Age Recommendation:	One to eight years.

The complainant had the entire set of blocks which was collected as a sample (J-805-6566). The blocks show a great deal of hard use. Several have broken pieces of which two fit into the small parts tester. One of these is the wheel. Also, some of the blocks are cracked.

ATTACHMENTS

Photographs

STANDARDS

16 CFR Part 1501, Method for identifying toys and other articles intended for use by children under 3 years of age which present choking, aspiration, or ingestion hazards because of small parts would apply.

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U. S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF NAME

Thank you for assisting us in collecting information on a potential product safety problem. The Consumer Product Safety Commission depends on concerned people to share product safety information with us. We maintain a record of this information, and use it to assist us in identifying and resolving product safety problems.

We routinely forward this information to manufacturers and private labelers to inform them of the involvement of their product in an accident situation. We also give the information to others requesting information about specific products. Manufacturers need the individual's name so that they can obtain additional information on the product or accident situation.

Would you please indicate on the bottom of this page whether you will allow us to disclose your name. ~~If you request that your name remain confidential, we will of course, honor that request.~~ After you have indicated your preference, please sign your name and date the document on the lines provided.

You are hereby authorized to disclose my name and address with the information collected on this case.

My identity is to remain confidential.

Shirley D. H. H. H. H.
(Signature)

2/12/55
(Date)

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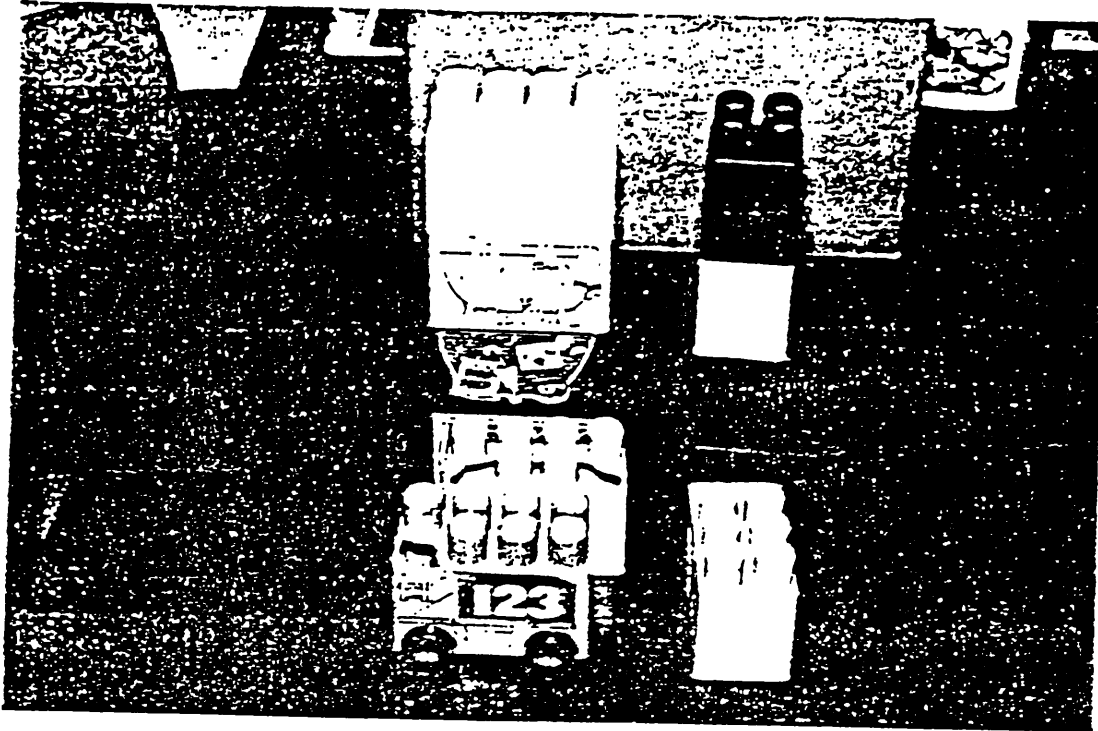


Photo 1
"Mega Blocks"
by Tara Toy
Corp. The set
consists of eight
smaller sized block
and nine larger
ones. Only one
block has plastic
wheels

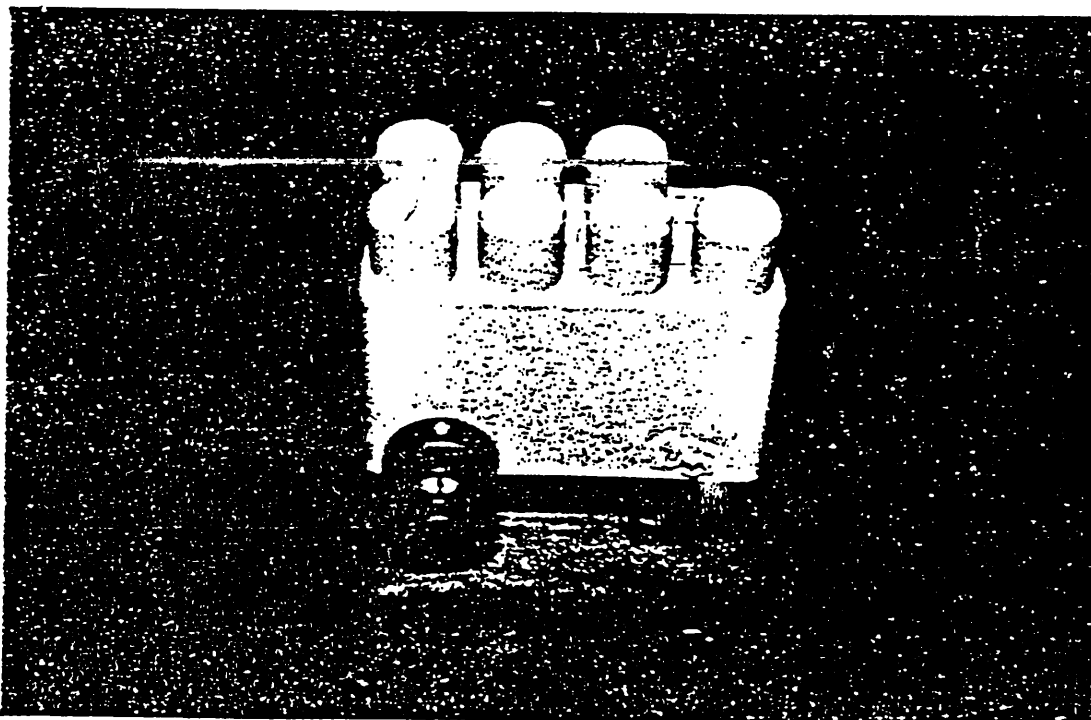


Photo 2
Close-up of the
block with
wheels. Note
where the
wheel has
been removed

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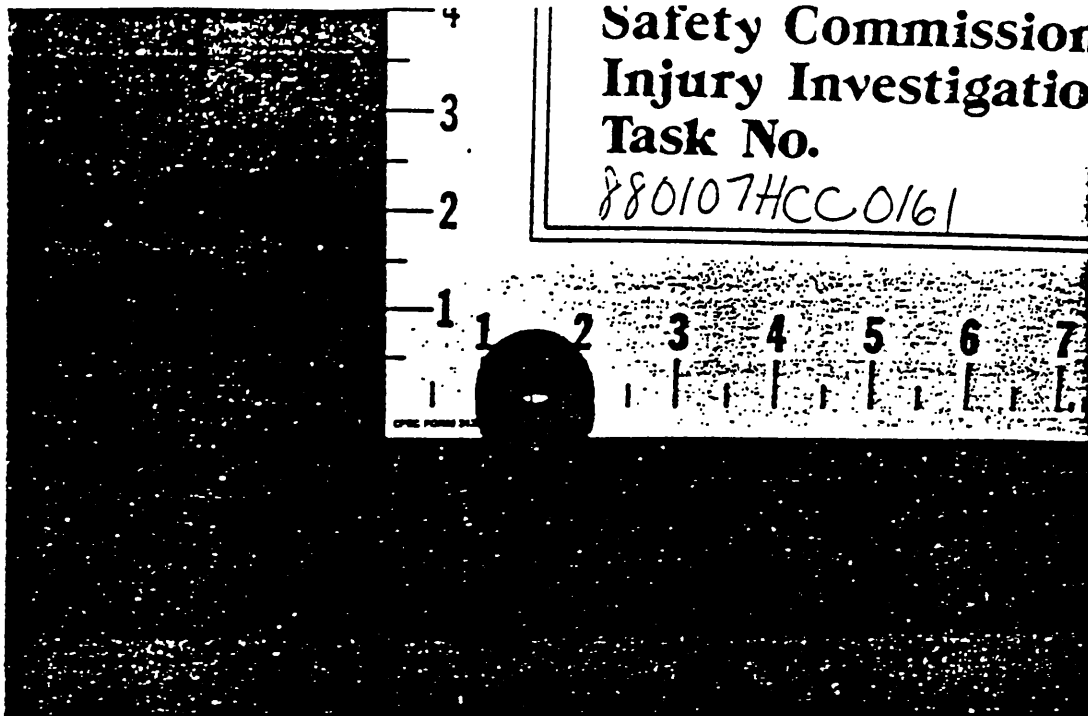


Photo 3

The wheel that became lodged in the child's throat. The wheel was lodged in the upright position with the wheel touching the roof of his mouth and his tongue but not either side of the throat.



Photo 4

The wheel fits into the small parts tester.

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Photo negatives

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PJW
Pls do use

Op II
Pls do use
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ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

Document Number H7C5875A1

Date of Incident 12/10/87 Category I.D. TYNN201988

Follow-up Requested Hazard Analysis Section 15

Type Follow-up Requested Telephone Call On-Site

Headquarters Contact Shelly Deppa 492-6468

Assignment Message Conduct an IDI on the attached document involving a choking incident. This information will be used to develop recommendations for enlarging the small parts cylinder. Follow may 3rd guideline in detail and attempt to obtain information on each item. If product is available, photograph with small parts cylinder to show relative size of object to cylinder attempt to collect as sample. Also determine if child remained normal color and if child was able to cry out. Indicate child's age in months.

Person(s) to Contact Linda Moore (804) 749-3895
Rt 1, Box 2145
Rockville, VA.

Guideline # 48 Small parts Revised 3/3/86

Requested By Don Kendall

Task Number 880107 HCCO/61

Assigned to NYC Date 1/7/87

Deck 1-23

Jared
in file

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CONSUMER PRODUCT INCIDENT REPORT

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1. Name of Respondent Linda Moore 2. Telephone No. (Home) 804-749-3895 (Work) None

3. Street Address RT. 1 Box 2145 City Rockingham State VA Zip Code 23146

4. Give details of accident, injury, or illness. Describe how incident occurred. (Use reverse side if necessary.)
Sesame Street Blocks with stickers. 1-8 year age recommendation. One of the blocks has wheels on it. Son pulled the wheel off and almost choked. The wheel was down in son's throat. Mother pulled wheel out of son's throat. The plastic wheel was 1 1/2" in diameter (round). The top of the block 3/4" (round) also came off. The top of block is a interlocking device to attach blocks together. The blocks are 4x2" in diameter in size. There are 17 pieces to block set.

5. If injury or illness: Victim's Name Timothy Relationship Son
 Age 2 yrs. Sex M Date 12/10/97 Type Injury Choking
 Body Part Involved throat Treatment mother removed block

6. Description of Product 17 Piece Plastic Blocks Purchased: 11/97 gift

7. Was the product:
 Damaged before incident? Yes No
 Recalled before incident? Yes No
 Recalled after incident? Yes No

8. Brand Name Mega Blocks 10. Identifying Numbers, Logos, etc. unknown

11. Manufacturer's Name and Address address unknown 12. Dealer's Name and Address Best Products
Richmond, VA.

13. How product acquired?
 Purchased New Second Hand Other

14. Age of Product 1 yrs.

15. Is product available for inspection?
 Yes No Other

16. Does product have warning labels or instructions? Are they available?
 Yes No

17. Have you contacted the manufacturer? If not, do you plan to contact them?
 Yes No

18. Do you consent to the use of your name? Yes No

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19. Source of Report
 Letter Phone Visit Other

20. Follow-Up Action
880107H cco/61 EPDS
DEC 17 1987

21. Date of Report 12/16

22. Document No. H7C 5875

23. Product Code(s)
A 1326
B

24. Investigator's Name/Title
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Hong Kong Government Recognized Service Supplier
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British Standards Institute
Hong Kong Association of Certification Laboratories

TEST REPORT

APPLICANT: SOME INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
6/F., SOUTH SEAS CTR., TOWER 1,
75 MOODY RD.,
TSIM SHI TSUI E.,
KLN., H.K.

NUMBER C 73326 (CC-70034)

DATE: APR 15, 1987

SAMPLE DESCRIPTION:

ONE (1) SET OF SUBMITTED SAMPLE SAID TO BE BIG BLOCKS SESAME STREET CONSTRUCTION SET WITH THREE ASSORTED PACKING STYLES.

ITEM NO. : 73000/73100/73200.

AGE GRADING : AGE 1 & UP.

TESTS CONDUCTED:

AS REQUESTED BY THE APPLICANT, FOR DETAILS PLEASE SEE ATTACHED PAGE(S)

CONCLUSION:

THE SUBMITTED SAMPLE SET WAS FOUND COMPLIED WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION FOR PHYSICAL AND MECHANICAL TESTS FOR TOYS AND ARTICLES INTENDED FOR USE BY CHILDREN AS WELL AS FLAMMABILITY TEST FOR RIGID AND MALLEABLE SOLIDS.

REMARK : THE LEAD CONTENT OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION WAS NOT APPLICABLE TO THE SUBMITTED SAMPLE SET.

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PREPARED AND CHECKED BY:
FOR LABTEST H.K. LTD.

[Signature]
ANDREW Y. YUNG
LABTEST H.K. LTD. DIVISION

AUTHORISED BY:
FOR LABTEST H.K. LTD.

[Signature]
ALFRED F. YUNG
PRESIDENT





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British Standards Institute
Hong Kong Association of Certification Laboratories

TEST REPORT

TESTS CONDUCTED:

NUMBER C 73326 (CG-7C)

01 PHYSICAL AND MECHANICAL TESTS

AS PER U.S. CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS TITLE 16 PART 1500.48 SHARP POINT, PART 1500.49 SHARP EDGE AND PART 1501 SMALL PARTS, BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER CONDITIONING AS SET FORTH IN PART 1500.50.

LABELLED AGE GROUP : AGES 1 AND UP.

	SHARP POINT (1500.48)	SHARP EDGE (1500.49)	SMALL PART (1501)
AS RECEIVED	P	NA	P
AFTER IMPACT (1500.51(B))	P	NA	P
AFTER FIBREURE (1500.53(D))	NA	NA	NA
AFTER TORSION (1500.53(E))	P	NA	P
AFTER TENSION (1500.53(F))	P	NA	P
AFTER COMPRESSION (1500.53(C))	P	NA	P

REMARK : P = PASS
F = FAIL
NA = NOT APPLICABLE

02 FLAMMABILITY TEST

AS PER U.S. CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS TITLE 16 PART 1500.44 FOR RIGID AND PLIABLE SOLIDS

BURN LENGTH (INCH)	TIME (SECOND)	BURN RATE (INCH/SECOND)	LIMIT (INCH/SECOND)
1.5	60	0.03	0.10

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT
SAFETY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20207

TO : All Area Offices
INFO : Robert Poth, CARM
FROM : Richard D. Swackhamer *RDS*
Regional Director, FOER

DATE: May 11, 1988

SUBJECT: RN 870406

PRODUCT: Poseable Dolls; Sesame Street Figures "Ernie", "Bert"
and "Cookie Monster" Item No. 71000

Recalling Firm:

Tara Toy Co.
40 Adams Avenue
Hauppauge, NY 11788

Contact:

Steve Garitta
8-264-2848

INITIAL REPORT OF RECALL

01. Reason For Recall

The heads of three toy figures, "ERNIE", "BERT" AND "COOKIE MONSTER" marketed as "SESAME STREET" Assortment style No. 71000 were found to separate when subjected to use and abuse testing (16.CFR 1500.52) and to pose a small parts hazard as these heads fit into the small parts cylinder (16 CFR 1500.52).

02. Type of Program

Voluntary under the Hazardous Substances Act.

03. Identifying Product Data Including Price

The three items under recall are each packaged in a separate blister pack with cardboard header each of which reads either "I'm Ernie", "I'm Bert", or "I'm Cookie Monster" all packages reads "CTW Sesame Street" on a street sign image. Additional labeling includes "For age 3 and up Non-Toxic Color Child Safe Fully Poseable Collectible Style No. 71000."

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The retail price for these items is approximately \$5.00 dollars per piece

04. Corrective Action Plan

The firm's corrective action plan included discontinuation of distribution of the three recalled products, notification to its consignees requesting return and an offer of repurchase or credit. All consignees are requested to issue recall notification signs for display at retail stores for 120 days. The firm notification of recall was issued in November 1987. Point of Purchase signs were issued about this same time.

05. Injuries, Deaths, Safety Related Complaints, Legal Actions Against Firm

None that have been reported.

06. Number of Products Involved

At the time of the initiation of the recall the firm had approximately 60,000 of the three recalled items in inventory and subsequently destroyed these. The breakdown by model is as follows:

<u>Cookie Monster</u>	<u>Bert</u>	<u>Ernie</u>
30,000 Units	15,000 Units	15,000 Units

As of April, 1988 the firm had received as a result of this recall, a quantity of 35,000 units from its consignees. There were also destroyed. The breakdown, by model, is as follows:

<u>Cookie Monster</u>	<u>Ernie</u>	<u>Bert</u>	--
17,500	8,750	8,750	.

These, as provided during the April, 1987 Inspection of the firm are:

<u>Toy</u>	<u>Annual Distribution</u>
Ernie	33,750 Units
Bert	33,750 Units
Cookie Monster	67,500 Units

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07. Dates of Production and why Limited to This Period

This recall is limited to units in the firm's warehouse, units available in consignee stock and those that can be recalled to the retail level during the 120 days posting of signs (Nov 87 -March 88).

08. Mode of Distribution Including Number and Type of Consignees/ Geographic Area

These three recalled products were distributed internationally and throughout all the United States as well as Canada.

Within the United States they have been distributed to approximately 65 consignees by Common Carrier.

09. The Estimated Life of the Product in Consumer's Hands

The firm is unable to estimate the length of consumer use of an individual product.

10. When and How the Firm Learned of the Problem

The firm was notified of the problem in two letters of advice from the Eastern Regional Center following sample collections and analysis.

The firm was informed that the "BERT" and "ERNIE" dolls failed use and abuse, small parts testing in a letter of Advice of June 1, 1987. The firm was subsequently notified that it's "COOKIE MONSTER" doll failed the use and abuse; small parts in a letter of advice of August 17, 1987.

11. When and How CPSC Learned of the Problem

CPSC learned of the problem as a result of two sample collections conducted during an inspection of the firm on April 20, 1988 and a subsequent visit and sample collection conducted on July 13, 1987.

12. Samples

During the April 20, 1987 inspection of the firm the "ERNIE" doll was sampled under sample collection number 1-805-4746. The "COOKIE MONSTER" doll was also sampled under 1-805-4747 and again during a July 13, 1987 visit to the firm the

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"COOKIE MONSTER" was again sampled under sample collection number I-805-3927

13. Firm's Plan for Disposition of Returned Goods

The firm has already destroyed its pre-recall warehouse stock of these three products subsequent to initiation of the recall (approximately 60,000 in total). It has also destroyed the units received to date as a result of its recall efforts (approximately 35,000 as well).

The firm continues, at the present time, to receive a small number of units which it plans also to destroy.

14. CPSC Plans for Monitoring

Eastern Regional Office plans to monitor this recall until completion.

Please conduct effectiveness checks at 4 out of 6 consignees listed for each of the three regional offices as provided below. See recall notification letter attached and point of purchase signs attached.

Note: The corrected design for the recalled items contains the label statement "New Version"; products subject to the recall will not contain such labeling.

Eastern Regional Center

Ben's for Kids
1380 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10021

Century Merchandising Co.
174 5th Avenue
New York, NY 10010

J & H Toys Inc.
176 Middle Neck Rd.
Great Neck, NJ 11021

Childworld
25 Littlefield St.
Avon Mass 02332

Cabin Johns
11325 Seven Lock Rd.
Potomac, MD. 20854

J & L Mevier Inc.
595 Route 18
East Brunswick, NY 08816

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Central Regional Office

Creative Kids Stuff
4318 Upton Ave. So.
Minneapolis, MN.

Mid States Dist.
548 Smelling Ave.
P. O. Box 64537
St. Paul, Mn 55164

Snyder Drug Stores Inc.
P. O. Box 320
Minneapolis, MN 55440

Victor Mintz Supply
722 Central Ave. NE
Minneapolis, MN 55414

Schottenstein Corp.
Pay and Sport Div.
1655 Watkins Rd.
Columbus, OH.43207

H.I.D.
820 Melbourn Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45229

Western Regional Center

Duty Free Shoppers
P. O. Box 91298
Los Angeles, CA 90009

Hays Far West
1461 Elliot Ave.
Seattle, WA. 98119

Shaimas Closet
1143 S. Oakhurst
Los Angeles, CA 90035

Jeffrey's Toys
3 Embarcadero Ctr.
San Francisco, CA 94111

My Child's Destiny
2546 16th St.
San Francisco, CA 94103

Headquarters
Army/Air Force Exchange
Att: C. M. Alton
P. O. Box 660261
Dallas, Texas 75266

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TARA TOY CORP.

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FOR QUALITY IN DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

April 19, 1988

Mr. Joel I. Friedman, Director
National Injury Information Clearinghouse
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
Washington, D.C. 20207

Re: Case No. 880107HCC0161
Investigator's I.D. #8863
Official Code: 805
Date of Accident: 12/10/87
Date of Investigation: 2/3/88

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Dear Mr. Friedman:

Enclosed please find a copy of the investigation report which we received regarding a complaint concerning our Sesame Street Big Blocks.

Regarding the accident which was set forth in your report, let me first state that we are relieved that there was no injury to the child. At Tara, we are very sensitive to the safety of our products. We do all within our power to ensure that the products we bring to market are safe.

Specifically, in reference to the Sesame Street Blocks, we have had this product on the market for two years, and have never had any problems or complaints. All our products, including the Sesame Street Big Blocks, undergo lab test to ensure that they meet the federal guidelines. The facility which we use, Lab Test Hong Kong Ltd, is of the highest caliber and a member of the American Society for Testing and Materials.

I have enclosed copies of our latest lab test, dated 4/15/87, for the the Sesame Street Big Blocks. Please note the age rating is One and Up. All results indicate that the product passed the requirements of the U.S. Product Safety Commission.

As indicated in your report, under the heading - Product I.D. - you state "The blocks show a great deal of hard use." Given the above facts regarding this complaint, as well as our lab test results, we feel very strongly that this product is safe.

Please feel free to contact me if you require additional information.

Yours truly,

TARA TOY CORPORATION
Michael Seiler
Michael Seiler
Controller

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U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20207

President
Tara Toy Corp.
40 Adams Avenue
Hauppauge, NY 11788-3606

April 5, 1988

Dear Sir:

Re: 880107HCC0161

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission shares with firms product complaints and in-depth investigation reports concerning injuries or potential injuries associated with products the firms manufacture or import that are within the Commission's jurisdiction. Some of the reports are very detailed. Others are not detailed but nevertheless mention the products by name.

To best serve the interests of consumer and manufacturers, we now screen these reports and generally do not send to firms reports involving products (1) where the complainant has already contacted the manufacturer, (2) where the problem appears to be economic rather than safety related, or (3) where it appears that the product is not at fault or indirectly involved.

Applying these criteria, we have determined that the enclosed information should be sent to you. We believe that sharing this information benefits the Commission, consumers, and industry since problems submitted by conscientious users can serve as an early warning signal that there may be a product safety problem. If you wish to comment on the enclosed report(s), you may submit your comments to the undersigned. Be sure to include the above-mentioned document number and the name of the product in any reply.

If the report we have provided you along with other information you have or may receive reasonably supports the conclusion that there would be a substantial product hazard, please keep in mind your reporting responsibilities under Section 15 of the Consumer Product Safety Act, 15 U.S.C. Section 2064(b). For more information on the reporting requirements, please contact Carlos Perez, Directorate for Compliance and Administrative Litigation, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207 (301-492-6608).

In the interest of product safety, we will continue to share these reports with you.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Joel I. Friedman in cursive.

Joel I. Friedman
Director
National Injury Information

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** CERTAIN COMPLAINTS/INCIDENTS ARE SELECTED **
** FOR FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION BY THE COMMIS- **
** SION. THIS REPORT MAY REFER TO A COMPLAINT **
** PREVIOUSLY SENT TO YOUR COMPANY. IN MOST **
** INSTANCES, HOWEVER, IT CONTAINS ADDITIONAL **
** INFORMATION FOR YOUR REVIEW. **
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TUVN 201988

10/10/88

1. CASE NO. 3S0107HCC0161			2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID 8 8 6 3			3. OFFICE CCDE 8 0 5			EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT
4. DATE OF ACCIDENT YR MO DAY 8 7 1 12 1 10			5. DATE INVESTIGATION INITIATED YR MO DAY 8 8 0 2 0 3						

6. SYNOPSIS OF ACCIDENT OR COMPLAINT A 34 month old boy playing with a set of plastic interlocking blocks managed to get a wheel from one of the blocks lodged in his throat. It is not known how child got the wheel off the block. His mother was able to pull the wheel out of the child's mouth. The wheel fits into the small parts tester.

7. LOCATION (Home, school, etc.) Home	8. CITY 1 0 Rockville	9. STATE V A
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10A. FIRST PRODUCT Stacking Toys	11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS "Mega" Blocks Tara Toy Co. Hauppauge, NY 11788
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10B. SECOND PRODUCT	11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS
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12. AGE OF VICTIM 0 0 0	13. SEX (Use numerical code) MALE -1 FEMALE -2 UNKNOWN -3 0	14. DISPOSITION No Injury 0	15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS No Injury 7 1
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16. BODY PART 9 9	17. RESPONDENT(S) (Mother, Friend) Mother 1	18. TYPE INVESTIGATION ON SITE 1 TELEPHONE 2 OTHER 3 1	19. TIME SPENT 0 8 0
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20. ATTACHMENTS Photographs 1	21. CASE SOURCE Complaint 0 7	22. REVIEWED BY 8/17/0	YR MO DAY 8 8 0 2 2 9
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23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES (NON-WEISS CASES ONLY)	CPSM MAY DISCLOSE MY NAME <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CPSM MAY NOT DISCLOSE MY NAME <input type="checkbox"/>
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24. NARRATIVE (See instructions on Other Side) <u>PRE-ACCIDENT</u>	25. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR REVIEW Raymond Penson DATE 3/7/88
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The product involved in this accident is a set of stacking blocks. The toy is called "Mega Blocks". It is manufactured by Tara Toy Corp. of Hauppauge, NY.

"Mega Blocks" is a set of 17 plastic blocks. The blocks are two sizes. One size is approximately 2" x 2" x 2 1/2". The other size is 4" x 2" x 2 1/2". The set contains eight of the smaller size blocks and nine of the larger size one. Due to the raised surfaces on the top of each block, the blocks are interlocking. The blocks are open at the bottom and are hollow inside.

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(USE OTHER SIDE AND ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

PRE-ACCIDENT (CON'T)

One of the larger sized blocks has four plastic wheels attached to it. The wheels are approximately one inch in diameter. The wheels are attached to the block by a piece of plastic which extends from the side of the block. This piece of plastic is the size of the width of the wheel (3/8"). There is a hole in the center of the wheel which fits over this plastic piece, thereby attaching the wheel to the block. The wheels do turn which enables the block to roll.

The "Mega Blocks" were given to the complainant's son as a birthday present for his second birthday on February 12, 1987. Although the complainant no longer has the retail carton, she stated the carton had an age recommendation for "one to eight years of age".

Both of the complainant's sons, ages 2 and 4, played with the blocks.

On December 10, 1987, the complainant's younger son was playing with the mega blocks. He was playing by himself, however, the complainant was in the room putting away some other toys. At that time, the child was 34 months old. He was approximately 34" tall and weighed 24 lbs. The complainant cannot remember how long the child had been playing with the mega blocks.

ACCIDENT

Although the complainant was in the room with her son, she was busy putting other toys away. She glanced at her son and noticed he had a strange look on his face. She then realized he had something in his mouth. She opened his mouth and discovered one of the wheels was lodged in the back of his throat.

POST ACCIDENT

The wheel lodged at the back of the child's throat was in an upright position, thereby touching the roof of his throat and his tongue and not touching either side of his mouth. The complainant was able to reach in with her fingers and pull the wheel out.

The child was able to breathe with the wheel lodged in his mouth. However, he did not attempt to cry out or make any other sounds. The complainant does not know how long the wheel was in the child's mouth. She did not see him put the wheel in his mouth.

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