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LOG OF MEETING

SUBJECT: COURTESY MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVE OF AMERICAN SENSORS

DATE OF MEETING: MAY 16, 1995

PLACE OF MEETING: CPSC HEADQUARTERS/ROOM 725

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: PAMELA L. WELLER

DATE OF ENTRY: JULY 8, 1997

COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

COMMISSIONER THOMAS H. MOORE
PAMELA L. WELLER, COUNSELOR TO COMMISSIONER MOORE
ELIZABETH LELAND, DIRECTORATE FOR ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

MICHAEL LUPYNEC, PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
AMERICAN SENSORS
NANCY HARVEY STEORTS, NANCY HARVEY STEORTS INTERNATIONAL

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

MR. LUPYNEC GAVE COMMISSIONER MOORE A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS AND INDICATED THAT FIRST ALERT HAD ABOUT 50% OF THE MARKET AND AMERICAN SENSORS HAD ABOUT 30%. HE INDICATED THAT ABOUT 6 MILLION HOMES HAD CO DETECTORS IN THE U.S., WHICH REPRESENTED ABOUT 6% OF ALL HOMES. HE SHOWED THE COMMISSIONER EXAMPLES OF THE TWO LEADING TYPES OF DETECTORS ON THE MARKET--THE JELL CELL AND THE SEMI-CONDUCTOR.

MR. LUPYNEC DISCUSSED THE PROBLEMS OF FALSE ALARMS WITH CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS AND EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE FALSE ALARMS COULD CAUSE SOME JURISDICTIONS TO SHY AWAY FROM PROMOTING THEIR USE. HE INDICATED THAT STUDIES HAD SHOWN THAT 85% OF THE FALSE ALARM CALLS WERE WITH DETECTORS THAT USED JELL-CELL TECHNOLOGY.

MS. STEORTS INDICATED THAT CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE TO THE UL STANDARD GOVERNING CO DETECTORS AND SHE ALSO STATED THAT THE CPSC SHOULD RECALL JELL CELL DETECTORS.

COMMISSIONER MOORE THANKED MS. STEORTS AND MR. LUPYNEC FOR THEIR VISIT.

