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FISCHER HELD PENSION PLAN NEGOTIATION SESSION WITH UNIONS TODAY. THEY CONTINUE TO BE DISSATISFIED WITH FORMULA PROPOSED BY US AND ARE REPEATING EARLIER DEMANDS AS FOLLOWS:

1. SERVICE CREDIT AT 2 PERCENT FOR FIRST TEN YEARS AND 1 3/4 PERCENT FOR ALL REMAINING SERVICE WITHOUT ANY SOCIAL SECURITY OFFSET.

2. WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER SOCIAL SECURITY OFFSET FOR 50 PERCENT ON BASIS OF 2 1/2 PERCENT PER YEAR USING LAST SALARY OR HIGHEST SALARY OF LAST FIVE YEARS.

THEY HAVE INDICATED THAT DEEGAN OF GUILD IN NEW YORK IS SCHEDULED TO COME TO MUNICH. IT IS THEIR OPINION THAT NEGOTIATIONS WILL PROBABLY MOVE ALONG MORE RAPIDLY IF MANAGEMENT CAN SIT DOWN WITH ALL UNIONS PRESENT AT ONE TABLE AT ONE TIME. THEY RECOMMEND THAT WE BE PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE ON THIS BASIS AT NEXT MEETING AND HAVE THE PENSION EXPERTS AVAILABLE TO ANSWER TECHNICAL FINANCIAL ASPECTS. UNIONS ARE BEGINNING TO PRESS FOR MORE DATA ON COSTS. HAVE STATED THAT IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO ASK FOR THE SETTING UP OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE INCLUDING EXPERT OUTSIDE MEMBERS TO OVERSEE PENSION PLAN.

NEXT SESSION TENTATIVELY SET FOR 30 SEPT.

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