

LOG OF TELEPHONE CALL

CALLER: Robert Dodge, Dallas Morning News

PERSON CALLED: James F. Hoebel *J. Hoebel*
Directorate for Engineering Sciences

SUBJECT: Flammability of Adult Nightwear

DATE OF CALL: June 15, 1994

Robert Dodge called to discuss adult nightwear. He was referred to me by K. Kaplan of EXPA. Mr. Dodge said that there have been recent incidents of injuries in Dallas associated with burning adult sleepwear, and asked about the CPSC position on this issue. I told him that the Commission considered, in 1990, a staff briefing paper recommending mandatory labelling of nightwear for the elderly. The Commission decided not to proceed, because the available data were not sufficient to support a mandatory rule. While the number of injuries to senior citizens associated with clothing may have been of concern, the data were not sufficiently specific to show the number and severity associated with nightwear.

Mr. Dodge asked about current activity. I said there was no current activity. He said the number of incidents was high: why not? I could not comment other than to say that the agency, with a new Chairman, was beginning to look into several new issues and that they could also look into this issue. He asked about any political factor. I commented that the Commissioners, being appointed by the President, were expected to bring a political aspect to the decision-making process.

Mr. Dodge asked about current injury data. I referred him to Linda Smith in Epidemiology.

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