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WHAT ARE CFCs USED FOR?

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Ms. Janice Hilchie
 Clerk of the Standing Committee
 on Environment
 House of Commons
 Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Ms. Hilchie:

Thank you very much for forwarding a transcript of the proceedings on 22 June of the Standing Committee on the Environment containing allegations against VIA of careless handling of CFCs in our maintenance practices. As I mentioned in our conversations yesterday and today, these allegations concern us greatly. VIA has guidelines on the handling of CFCs and the practices which Mr. Bennett has alleged certainly would not be in conformity with these guidelines.

We appreciate the committee's invitation to appear on 26 June to present our evidence. Before appearing, however, we would wish to undertake a thorough investigation of practices in the field. You will appreciate that it would be impossible to complete such an investigation within the very short time frame available. Therefore we shall not be able to appear before the committee on Monday, however, we would be pleased to appear at a later date.

I am, however, enclosing a copy of our guidelines on the handling of CFCs. We will follow up with a written response to Mr. Bennett's allegations as soon as our investigation is complete.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Todd