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Thomas Deller  
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400 Westminster Street  
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Re: **Request for Files – Textron/Gorham Hazardous Waste Site**  
**Rhode Island Freedom of Information Act**

Dear Mr. Deller:

The Adelaide Avenue Environmental Justice Coalition is formally requesting that you locate and make available the following files, and reports under the Freedom of Information Act:

- An environmental study commissioned by the city of Providence and the Providence Redevelopment Agency (**PRA**) for the Textron/Gorham Manufacturing Facility, located at 333 Adelaide Avenue, Providence, R.I. (**Site**). The survey and analysis was executed between October 1992 and February 1993, and authored by Theodore F. Low and Associates. Please include all invoicing, forms of payment, and sources of payment for the work listed above; as well as the final report..
- Any and all files and information concerning the proposals and negotiations to sell, lease, or install American Power Conversion Inc. (**APC**) onto the former Textron/Gorham hazardous waste site. These deliberations transpired between January 1991 and May 1993. The PRA acted as sole agent for the city of Providence during these transactions.
- A Settlement Agreement executed between the city of Providence and Textron was read and passed by the Providence City Council on January 6, 1994 as resolution of the City Council number six (6). In theory, this agreement was to itemize and stipulate each respective parties responsibilities for the remediation of the

Textron/Gorham hazardous waste site. In accordance with these issues, Textron was to give to the city of Providence an amount not to exceed one million (\$1,000,000.00) dollars in the aggregate, to be used to completely remove the buildings and remaining underground tanks located on the Site. Included in this work was the responsibility for removing, eliminating and transporting all asbestos and other hazardous material from the site to the appropriate disposal locations. The disbursement of the abovementioned funds was to be as follows:

- The City shall send Textron a written request for payment of such costs, together with an appropriate accounting of the costs claimed, on a monthly basis.
  - Each request for payment shall include copies of all bills and invoices, identify the contractor or vendor, and describe the work completed or item purchased.
  - Payment to the City shall be in the form of a check, and the City shall provide Textron with proof of payment.
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- Please provide all documentation and correspondence relevant and related to the transactions described above, as well as any additional information which may be available. The PRA has acted as the City's agent for this project from its inception. In fact the earliest document identified to date is between the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management and Tom Deller in early 1992.

Our understanding is that the PRA will have ten (10) days to complete our request, or, if necessary, formally ask for a twenty (20) day extension in writing, thus making a thirty (30) day response the maximum allowable by law.

Sincerely,

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