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Letter from D.D. Pearsall to J.G. Degenkolb

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Dear Gus:

Sorry I had to leave the SBC meeting in a hurry, but I didn't feel I could be of any further help.

All of us in the fire industry owe you a great debt of gratitude for your tremendous contribution to building codes throughout the United States. Tom just presented a paper in Stockholm, Sweden on the subject of Building Codes describing new legislation in the hope that it might influence their codes as well. Their reaction seems to be one of disbelief that code requirements could move as fast. There was real interest, however, and indications of similar desires.

Thanks for the loan of the enclosed booklet on high-rise fire safety. We have ordered ten copies - in the event you see someone that needs one in a hurry, let us know. There is a good summary of this booklet in the August special issue of the NBC News.

One requirement you might want to consider as a trade off is covered under their general requirements. They do not require emergency power for ventilation systems. Depending on the type of smoke control system, and whether or not the building is sprinklered, emergency power for this requirement as a code item could be very expensive and may possibly be omitted. I note that in New York it is not required, and discussing this with the Chief Engineer for Jaros-Baume & Bolles, following his paper at the ASHRAE Convention last year, he felt standby power for this purpose would be much too expensive.

Generally, Canada has studied the problem thoroughly, but seem to have over complicated it for the average building inspector and most mechanical engineers. I tried to catch you at L.A. International, Tuesday, November 6, but missed your flight to Chicago.
We are planning a Tenth Anniversary and Open House celebration the 14th of December. If your schedule allows, we would like you and Eleanor to be our guests for the afternoon and evening of December 14. If it is possible, and we really hope that it is, we would like to know if you could come the morning of the 14th. We will arrange tickets, lodging, etc., and mail them to you.

You have meant a great deal to our Company and to our industry. We want to show our appreciation.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

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