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Mr. Montgomery K. Winkler
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Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Winkler:

This is in response to Mr. Teague's inquiry relating to possible radiation hazards to persons viewing television and to the dangers inherent in the "Winky-Dink" game.

The Consumer Product Safety Act provides that, with certain exceptions, this Commission shall develop rules to protect the public against unreasonable risks of injury associated with consumer products. However, one of the exceptions which is found at section 31 of the Act, provides that the Commission shall not "...regulate any risk of injury associated with electronic product radiation emitted from an electronic product...if such risk of injury may be subject to regulation under subpart 3 of Part F of title III of the Public Health Service Act."

Therefore, we have transmitted your inquiry to Dr. John C. Villforth, Director of the Bureau of Radiological Health of the Food and Drug Administration, Health, Education and Welfare, and requested that he reply to you directly.

The main component of the "Winky-Dink" game appears to be a sheet of material which is placed directly over the television screen and which permits the child to trace whatever picture is being transmitted. Thus, the potential radiation hazard from viewing would also be a matter for the Bureau of Radiological Health to consider.

The Commission appreciates your continuing interest.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Barbara A. Ludden
Director of Congressional Relations

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