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Mr. Rolf G. Kuehni Mobay Chemical Corporation Dyes and Pigments Division P. O. Drawer 2855 U. S. Bypass 21 Rock Hill, SC 29731

Dear Rolf:

Wendy Lochner has sent me a copy of your new book. This I am enjoying immensely. Let me congratulate you on your excellent scholarship.

Regarding the February 11-13 ISCC meeting in Williamsburg, 1985, that year will find me entering the same age. Nature permitting, and if all goes well, I would be happy to participate. In any event, if you would like to have a paper from me, I'd be happy to oblige. Here is what I would like to suggest.

CENTURIES OF MYSTICISM AND MYTHOLOGY Tracing the Subjective Course of Color By Faber Birren

I assume that aspects of the history of color will include physics, optics, vision and maybe physiological optics. My contribution might seem "out in left field" but it is dear to my heart.

For many years I have collected data on all human aspects of color: symbolism, religion, healing, anthropology, alchemy, etc., etc. I did a book in 1941 called The Story of Color which meant to be quite embracing. This was redone in 1963 as Color - A Survey in Words and Pictures. Now, fortunately, a third publisher will reissue it in paperback in the spring of 1984. I'll see that you receive a copy. I have plenty of material as reference sources.

Sincerely,

Faher Birre

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When you have the speakers lined up, let me know names and topics.