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As I am sure you are aware, Thiokol has not accepted Aroclor 5432 or other plasticizers based on chlorinated terphenyls not because they do not function satisfactorily, but rather because of a basic policy decision not to work with chlorinated terphenyls. Other major formulators, Products Research and W. R. Grace, are now using either Aroclor 5432 or blends of Aroclor 5460/Santicizer 261. The blends of Aroclor 5460 and Santicizer 261 have already been introduced to Thiokol. Santicizer 335 is one of these blends.

I concur with your position that the research location would probably be the place to discuss PCB import policy. By copy of this memo, I am asking Dave Bechtold to be sure that the PCB question is discussed with those people. Perhaps some further discussion between Dave and myself would be in order prior to making that contact.

If you have any additional information as to who the importers of PCBs are, I would appreciate it if you would pass this on to me in St. Louis. While we will not be contacting these people at this time, I believe that we may want to make them aware of the type of risks they are taking at some future date. If you have followed the recent PCB publicity in the papers, you can see that a company would not want to have this type of attention focused on them, especially if they are importing PCBs.

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