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DATE : July 9, 1975 CC: W. Withers

SUBJECT : DOCUTEL

REFERENCE : IRVING, TEXAS

TO : W. B. Papageorge

I had a call on July 9 from Mark Van Buskirk of Mallory who reported the following. A PCB capacitor exploded in a bank machine manufactured by Docutel. The capacitor was part of the power supply and was a small formation regulation capacitor 1¼ inches by 2½ inches high.

The capacitor was not Mallory's although Mallory are a co-supplier to Docutel. They became involved because their salesman was at Docutel at the time.

Nobody was contacted by the Aroclor when the capacitor blew; however, the operator who cleaned up the equipment got Aroclor onto his hands which I understand was washed off fairly shortly afterwards. The safety officer at Docutel is apparently extremely concerned and has involved Docutel's legal staff. They have taken a blood sample from the operator, and intend to take further blood samples in 6 weeks time.

Mark feels that Docutel have over-reacted and wanted to put Docutel in contact with Monsanto so that we could give them background information, and hopefully, quieten down their alarm. I suggested that it would be appropriate for Docutel to contact Bill Papageorge.

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