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I received a call September 4 from Dr. Robert McIntosh, Chrysler Corportation, phone number (313) 956-2975. He related that a worker had been allegedly exposed to fumes from hot PCB's and other materials at a transformer at a Pennsylvania plant. The transformer did not burn nor explode, but the worker supposedly was "rendered light headed and dizzy" by the fumes. I assured him that PCB's acutely are not known to cause these particular symptoms and other materials from the transformer fluid should be investigated. I also related the acute and chronic effects of PCB ingestion or inhalation and the fact that liver damage is the hallmark of intoxication and if none is present, then the individual has not received sufficient dosage to cause any further problems. I referred him to the Brown and Jones work in Archives of Environmental Health and to Dr. Gaffey's recent speech before the ACS as references. He thanked me for this information and felt he had enough to handle management and labor relations concerning this particular episode.

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