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Thomas Kopp, Office of Toxic Substances, EPA, called to inform me of the following:

(1) Francis T. Mayo, Regional Administrator, EPA, Region V (Chicago), reacting to pressure from the Great Lakes area, has written to Russell Train claiming PCB contamination is widespread, that control of PCBs is lacking, the problem is not confined to the Great Lakes and that EPA in Washington must take some action.

(2) Russell Train is planning a press conference to be held approximately the second week in August. He is expected to support the continued use of PCBs in capacitors and transformers but will claim the PCBs are currently not adequately controlled and the Agency desperately needs the Toxic Substances Control Act to control imports and improper use of PCBs.

(3) In addition to the Great Lakes, EPA claims it has evidence that PCB levels are rising in the Hudson River, Chesapeake Bay (study by a Westinghouse subsidiary) and Orange County, California.

(4) A national PCB symposium is being planned and will probably be scheduled for October. The symposium will cover the latest technical developments on PCBs as well as replacement materials.

(5) Public hearings will be held in Madison, Wisconsin, on August 28 and 29. These hearings are scheduled to give interested parties an opportunity to comment on the proposal being considered by the Wisconsin legislature to ban or severely restrict the use of PCBs. Federal EPA will participate. Monsanto will be invited.

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