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Dear Mr. Lefke:

As discussed over the telephone we would appreciate the appointment of a representative of your division to work with members of industry and the government on American National Standards Institute Committee C-107.

The committee has been formed to consider the polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) environmental problem and how it relates to the electrical industry. As you know the largest remaining uses of polychlorinated biphenyls are as insulating fluids, referred to as askarels by the industry, in transformers and capacitors.

The objectives of the committee are as follows:

1. Develop procedures and guides for safe use, maintenance and disposal of askarel and askarel soaked materials used in electrical equipment.

2. Serve as a source for technical information and advice for federal, state and local authorities and for the information of all concerned.

3. Encourage the development of suitable disposal facilities and maintain a list of their capabilities and locations for the information of all concerned.

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4. Serve as the advisory group for U.S. participation in CEE, IEC, COPANT, CIGRA and other international organizations.

We sincerely believe that the participation of your representative on the steering and working committees will be very helpful in achieving these objectives.

A meeting of the Steering Committee has been scheduled in St. Louis on November 11. I recognize that the timing is probably not too convenient but I hope that someone from your organization can be selected in time to participate.

Mr. Paul Benignus of Monsanto has been appointed chairman of the Steering Committee and can help your representative with the meeting details.

Sincerely,

W. B. Papageorge, Chairman
ANSI Committee C-107

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cc: Mr. A. M. Salazar - NEMA
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