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SUBJECT: TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH DR. TOMBERGS, Ministerialdirektor Bundesministerium für Jungend, Familie und Gesundheit.-

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Tombergs advised me that he was directly concerned with future controls which may be put on the use of PCB's in Europe.

Highlights are as follows :

1. The Common Market commission is considering putting forward a directive restricting the sale of PCB's and the use of PCB's. This will be similar to the recommendations of the OECD.

2. Within the area of electrical use, Tombergs feels that small capacitors pose the biggest problem. However, he believes that in Germany methalised paper/oil or dry capacitors can be used instead of PCB containing designs in nearly all applications.

3. He has been involved with CIGRE and supports their move to limit the Penta and higher content of Aroclor to 3.5 %. I brought him up to date on Aroclor 1342 which falls within this specification and he asked for literature.

4. Tombergs is very interested in the latest toxicological and ecological test work results. He asked about the status of our Pond Experiment and I arranged for Alf Vodden to call him to bring him up to date with progress so far.

5. Tombergs would not say whether or not there was an immediate likelihood that PCB's would be banned from non-electrical use in Germany. However, he mentioned that Prof. Benthe will shortly be coming out with a report on his toxicological work for the mines applications. This will form the basis for a decision as to whether or not the continuing use of PCB's will be allowed in the German mines.

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