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SUBJECT: NIOSH STUDY ON PCB WORKERS

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Cole Weber called today to tell me that Dr. Smith wanted to discuss a NIOSH study on PCB workers. I called Dr. A. B. Smith (Area Code 513, 684-3593) who is in the Medical Surveillance Section of NIOSH in Cincinnati.

Dr. Smith said that he has the assignment of looking into the long-term health effects of exposure to PCBs. There is a mortality study underway at the Hudson Falls, New York plant of G.E. and they are now concerned with looking at occupational data related to PCB exposure and there is no good information in the literature. He is interested in looking at a large number of workers exposed to PCBs who have had long exposure to low doses.

He knows that Selikoff has done a study on the G.E. workers but this data has not been published and NIOSH wants to do a study of their own. He is most concerned about the dibenzofurans present in PCBs and the possibility that it is the furans which are producing the toxicity observed. However, he also recognizes that the PCBs he may be studying will include Aroclors 1016 and 1254 plus trichlorobenzene.

We finished our discussion by saying that when he has decided on a meeting to discuss how to get his assignment completed he will be calling me to ask for a Monsanto participant in a one-day meeting to discuss the subject.

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