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SUBJECT STATUS REPORT - NIOSH VISIT -
W.G. Krummrich Plant, Tuesday, April 8, 1975

REFERENCE

TO : N.G. Higgins
W.B. Papagcorge
G. Roush

Dr. Ed Baker of the Biometric Branch of NIOSH and David Bayliss, his assistant, arrived at the General Offices at 9:00 A.M. Tuesday, April 8. The initial meeting started with Dr. Roush, Norm Higgins and myself in attendance. Questions arose very quickly regarding the history of PCB manufacture, so Bill Papageorge joined us after about 15 minutes.

The morning was spent in reviewing the history of PCB manufacture probing for any problems that had arisen regarding exposure during the years of manufacture, and also a review of personnel records that were on hand. Discussion contined at lunch with a further review of personnel records. No conclusions were reached.

On the way to the Krummrich Plant, Dr. Baker commented that he felt the study could best be made at General Electric or Westinghouse where exposures were greater, and the population of workers less transient. The same comment was again made on the way back to the General Offices after the plant visit.

At the Krummrich Plant, Messrs. Bayliss and Baker both reviewed records of present and past personnel, both hourly and salaried. We also arranged through Dr. Roush for Dr. Baker to look at the plant medical records. Both of the men took a tour of the Aroclor Department with Art Leisy as the Tour Guide. They reviewed the entire department and spent some time in the control room talking to the operators. They talked with the operators regarding spills, fumes, etc. Several times,

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they tried to put words in the mouths of the operators regarding the severity of spills and exposure. I was proud of the operators when they responded in a positive fashion pointing out that spills and leaks were very uncommon, and exposure was very low. Both men indicated they needed more information such as a plant map, plant layouts, lists of plant products, personnel records, etc. I successfully held that subject off, and they stated they will request in writing all of the information they feel they might need.

They left by cab from the General Offices about 4:00 P.M. again stating that they felt their best study could be made at either General Electric and Westinghouse or both.

How do we insure this happens?

G. L. Bratsch

P.S. They were both highly complimentary of Monsanto in the openness they have received thus far. They feel the only advantage in making a study of the Krummrich Plant at this point in time is the openness. They doubt the study would show anything, and are leaning, of course, strongly toward General Electric or Westinghouse.

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