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Our ref EHR Your ref Date 7th April, 1976.

Dear Mr. Weber,

I am indebted to you for your letter of March 15th in answer to mine addressed to Mr. Papageorge, and note that he is no longer involved with the technology of PCB's. I presume that I shall therefore remain in contact with you in any future exchange of information and correspondence.

I am indebted to you for your comments on Dr. Kimbrough's work and the illumination which is shed upon the significance of her results by the results of your own two-year chronic oral toxicity study with Aroclor 1260 in albino rats. I am prompted to ask you how much Aroclor 1260 is used alone in electrical equipment as opposed to its admixture with trichlorobenzene. If the latter predominates, as I suspect, is there likely to be any synergistic effect exercised by TCB upon the toxic activity of 1260 and has this possibility ever been investigated?

Within CIGRE Study Committee No. 15 we are still deliberating upon the wisdom of publishing in their journal "Electra", an objective appraisal of the international PCB position. I have accumulated a great deal of material, thanks to Monsanto, but have yet to receive any substantial comments at all from either Prodelec or Bayer although the former is certainly very actively concerned with the development of alternatives to PCB's.

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It seems to me that the time has either arrived or is rapidly approaching at which attempts to turn back the tide running against the future use of PCB's by the electrical industry would be akin to copying Canute, and I have no particular relish for such an exercise! It may therefore be some time yet before I have any draft paper to send you for your comments.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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