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SUBJECT MOBIL STUDY ON PCB'S

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Attached is the latest correspondence in what appears to be a major error by Mobil when it indicted polychlorinated biphenyls as a possible carcinogen among its employes. Bill Papageorge's recent discussion with John Fajen of NIOSH certainly supports our understanding that Mobil is now repudiating its initial study.

Bill Papageorge has been attempting to obtain additional details from his contacts at Mobil. As you know, thus far he has not experienced significant cooperation from Mobil and has detected some reluctance to discuss the issue. In order to make sure that Mobil does not merely allow this to "fade away" and because of your earlier contacts on this matter with Mobil, I would like to suggest that you approach Mobil to determine the exact status of the continuing study and to urge that Mobil take prompt steps to correct its initial reports. In my view, Mobil has an obligation to correct immediately the allegations against polychlorinated biphenyls even though the actual cohort has not been identified. The harm caused by the erroneous report has been significant--the least Mobil can do is to acknowledge publically that polychlorinated biphenyls are not involved.

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