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In your November PCB Environmental Studies summary, you referred to the "discovery" by Messers. Bailey and Bunyan that reproducing paper is a potent source of Aroclor 1242 and although they had not as yet published this information, they may wish to do so to explain the presence of PCB in cardboard.

I am concerned that the resulting widespread knowledge that Aroclor 1242 is involved in significant quantities in this paper application will seriously affect our situation with NCR-U.S.

Can you impose on Bailey and Bunyan to delay publication for several months, perhaps as a personal favor to you, to give us time to get our reformulation program with NCR-U.S. well underway before wide spread publicity raises the usual question of what are we doing about it.

As you know, NCR-U.S. is seriously considering Monoisopropyl biphenyl as an alternative to Aroclor 1242. Some technological difficulties have caused delays but it appears now that we can proceed more rapidly and should have MIPB fully replacing Aroclor 1242 by the first quarter 1971.

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