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SUBJECT: AROCLOR 1254

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In a recent phone conversation between Dr. R. Kimbrough (CDC) and G. J. Levinskas, Dr. Kimbrough expressed the belief that NCI had recently contracted out a carcinogenicity study involving AROCLOR 1254. Consequently, I made a call to Dr. Sidney Siegel at NCI. Dr. Siegel indicated that he had no knowledge of an outside contract with AROCLOR 1254 and further stated he doubted there was one. He did tell me that AROCLOR 1254 has been under test at NCI in their bioassay operation program since September 1972. He reported that the experimental part of the study had been completed as of October, 1974. His expectations are that the necessary histopathology will be completed within the next 6 months, at which time a meeting could be set up for discussion of the test results.

A quick check of the April 3, 1974 list of chemicals being tested under the NCI carcinogenesis program did not reveal that AROCLOR 1254 was on test. However, the NCI list does show

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as part of the program. If this is the study he is referring to, it could explain why we had not picked it up sooner.

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