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FROM (NAME & LOCATION) C. Paton - General Offices

DATE March 5, 1969

SUBJECT FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ADMINISTRATION

REFERENCE

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TO : Elmer Wheeler
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On March 4, I received a call from Mr. Robert Rock FWPCA, 620 Central Avenue, Building 2 G, Alameda, California 94501, Telephone (415) 273-7011.

Mr. Rock may have "a possible future need to monitor certain waters" for the presence of polychlorinated biphenyls.

He wanted:

1. "Background" information on Aroclors. (I will send him bulletin O/PL-306 on Aroclor plasticizers).*

2. Method of quantitatively detecting Aroclor in water in ppm or ppb range.

3. Method of confirmation that material detected is polychlorinated biphenyl.

4. Methods for taking care of interference from traces of hydrocarbons, etc., etc.

I explained that I personally was unable to talk with authority on what was a highly sophisticated and complex physical analytical technique. Mr. Rock understood this. He sounded an extremely pleasant person and his interest in items #2 and #3 seem to signify a very rational approach.

Elmer, I believe you are our #1 line of communication on the "technical" implications of the SFO Chronicle's "expose". I promised that an authority would call Mr. Rock in the next day or so. Will you be so kind.

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*Elmer has suggested this not be done and I go along with this. Elmer has further suggested that we revise on a crash program basis our Aroclor bulletins to eliminate reference to applications where sales are small yet give the impression Aroclors are used in everything everywhere.

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