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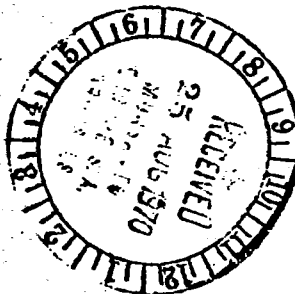
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Att. Mr. D.S. Cameron.

re PCB / Norwegian Government action
Your telex today

We have contacted the Health Authorities about this and have received the following answer from the "Sosialdepartementet" (Department for Health and Welfare).

Based upon recommendation given by among others the guiding council on drugs and toxic ingredients of our department, it is clear that PCB's are to be regarded as toxic ingredients in this country. Reference is made to Chapter X in law on drugs and toxic ingredients etc. of 20/6/1964 and to § 1 in the executive order on toxic ingredients dated 19/2/1965.

PCB's will be included in the list of toxic ingredients when this list is revised.

However, it has not been decided whether PCB's shall be completely banned or whether the use shall be limited.

We have asked to be kept informed about all steps in this connection. We have also offered Monsanto information which you could place at disposal.

We cannot send you copy on all the newspaper articles, these have been numerous and we have not collected them. One article formed the headline in an afternoon tabloid paper, claiming that our nature was being polluted by PCB. Nobody knew from

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exactly where.

Generally spoken, these articles have thrown mud without proving anything.

The Health Authorities take this matter in a more realistic way. However, public presseure is on them and we do not know what this can lead to.

It will certainly not make it easier for us to sell PCB and we might loose certain outlets.

Yours faithfully
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