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for 1254

August 14, 1975

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re: AROCLOR 2-year Rat Feeding Studies

Dear Joe:

With respect to your letter of August 4, 1975, we appear to be reading from different scripts.

The attached copies of pages from the revised AROCLOR 1254 report (IBT No. 641-06672), dated March 24, 1975 shows that virtually all animal numbers have 3-digits. The exceptions include a 4-digit number on page 10, a series of 2-digit numbers ranging from 71-70 on page 11, and slides marked Ext or Ex appearing on pages 12 and 14.

Copies of pages 83-88 from the original report, IBT No. B7298 dated Novemb[illegible] 12, 1971 also are attached. These contain the tables listing tumors, and they are the only ones in which individual animal numbers appear. As summarized below, there is a repetition of low digit numbers in each group.

| | | AROCLOR 1254 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Control | 1 ppm | 10 ppm | 100 ppm |
| Male rat nos. | 1,2 | 1,2 | 1,2 | 4,5,7 |
| Female rat nos. | 46-48,50, 52,59,64, 69 | 3-13 | 3-11 | 1-3,6, 8-15 |

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The only pages which contain similar numbers are page 11 of the revised report and page 83 of the original report. How-

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ever, even in those instances where the same numbers appear, there are inconsistencies as shown below:

| animal no. | group and sex page 11 | page 83 |
|---|---|---|
| 46 | 1 ppm Female | all shown as control females |
| 47 | 1 ppm Female | |
| 48 | 1 ppm Female | |
| 50 | 1 ppm Female | |
| 52 | 10 ppm Male | |
| 59 | 10 ppm Female | |
| 64 | 100 ppm Male | |
| 66 | 100 ppm Female | |

Although it is of minimal significance, pages 84 and 85 of the original report are misnumbered in that page 84 is a continuation of the table which begins on page 85.

The page for the AROCLOR 1254 containing the phrase "does not appear to be carcinogenic" has been received.

We note the interchange of the numbers 1242 and 1260 on those 2 AROCLOR reports, and will destroy the mislabeled copies.

Sincerely,

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