

1 that 2,4,5-T contained dioxin?

2 A. No.

3 Q. In your conversations with General
4 Housewright, do you recall him telling you that
5 2,4,5-T contained dioxin?

6 A. No. As I said, the matter was brought to my
7 attention by a member of the Science Advisory
8 Committee as a result of some research which was
9 done at Harvard, as I recall.

10 Q. You can't recall the name of the member
11 of the Science Advisory Committee, can you?

12 A. No, I don't remember which one.

13 Q. But you recall that that member was
14 surprised when he passed that information along to
15 you. Is that correct?

16 A. He was surprised, that's right.

17 Q. Why was he surprised if you know?

18 MS. MINTZER: Objection.

19 A. I imagine because that was something new to him
20 and he hadn't anticipated that it would have dioxin
21 in it.

22 Q. Do you recall approximately when he
23 conveyed that information to you?

24 A. No. I think it was -- no, I don't know any
25 more specifically than I've stated.

1 Q. That was late in your tenure at the
2 Office of Science and Technology?

3 A. It was sort of the middle part of that period.
4 The middle part of it would be more accurate a
5 statement.

6 Q. You left the Office of Science and
7 Technology in 1972?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. If Dr. Minarick or General Delmore or Dr.
10 McNamara or General Housewright had informed you
11 that 2,4,5-T contained dioxin and that it was a
12 potential health hazard, would that have been an
13 issue of consequence to the President?

14 MS. MINTZER: Objection. You can answer.

15 A. It's an issue I would have looked at with some
16 care if I had known the facts about dioxin, yes.

17 Q. Did you look at that issue during the
18 period 1962 to 1969, the issue of dioxin in 2,4,5-T?

19 A. The issue was examined by lots of people during
20 that time as I recall, yes.

21 Q. When did that examination occur?

22 MS. MINTZER: Objection.

23 A. It occurred right after people discovered that
24 it was there.

25 Q. Do you recall when that discovery

1 happened?

2 A. I said it was sort of the middle of that period.
3 My guess was around 1966, 1967, something like that,
4 but I'm not sure of that date.

5 Q. On direct examination you were handed
6 what has been previously marked as Deposition
7 Exhibit 4 in an attempt to refresh your recollection
8 concerning the Bionetics report. Do you recall the
9 Bionetics report?

10 A. Vaguely.

11 Q. Do you recall approximately when you
12 heard about the Bionetics report?

13 A. During the time of the ad hoc committee as I
14 recall.

15 Q. When was that?

16 A. It was in '69 as the document shows.

17 Q. Exhibit 4 states, "The actions to control
18 the use of the chemical were taken as a result of
19 findings from the laboratory study conducted by the
20 Bionetics Research Laboratories." Did you learn
21 about dioxin in 2,4,5-T from the Bionetics report?

22 MR. WHITE: Objection.

23 A. I don't recall the contents, the specific
24 contents of that report, and I'd rather not comment
25 on it.