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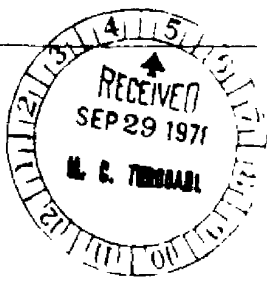
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TO M. C. Throdahl



Prof. George Whitesides of MIT is interested in a second PCB project to complement the project at Cal Tech. Prof. Whitesides is preparing a written proposal which will include at least a two-fold approach to the problem: (1) aromatic hydrolyzation with a cytochrome enzyme system and (2) collaboration with Prof. Danny Wong, a microbiologist at MIT, to develop mutant organisms that will feed on PCBs. This project will be approximately $25,000/year and will require a commitment for two years to a senior level man. Prof. Whitesides expects to locate a proper individual in the first quarter of 1979.

A line item of $50,000 has been proposed for the 1979 budget to cover both the Cal Tech and MIT projects.

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