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cc: Dr. C.F. CALLIS, St. Louis
Dr. W.F. GAFFEY, St. Louis

SUBJECT :

REFERENCE : AM/mtc

TO : Dr. G. ROUSH - ST. LOUIS

Dear George,

The enclosed copy letter from my old friend Bob Murray is self-explanatoy. It seems to me desirable to cooperate with the request in so far as the outcome should add weight to our assertion that polychlorinated biphenyls have not resulted in adverse health effects.

Donald Acheson is an epidemiologist of the highest standing and I considered arranging for Bill Gaffey to meet him when Bill was here a few months ago. You will recollect that he played a major role in the recognition of the hazard of nasal cancer in wood-workers.

As the population at Newport exposed to PCBs is relatively small, Bill might be able to plan with him a combined study involving both Newport employees and those who were exposed in the U.S.A.

I have acknowledged Bob Murray's letter, but will not commit us to cooperation unless and until I receive your approval, hopefully in less than four weeks.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

A. MUNN.

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Dear Alec,

As you will know, Donald Acheson has been appointed as the Director of the M.R.C. Environmental Epidemiology Unit at the University of Southampton. Among other investigations he is looking for a population which has been exposed for at least twenty years to polychlorinated biphenyls.

It occurs to me that you may possibly have some knowledge of such a population and if it were possible, I would like very much to put Donald Acheson in a position to investigate the long term effects.

It may be that the substances are manufactured only in the United States and imported into this country. If so I would be interested to know to what extent they may have been handled and whether there has been any possibility of exposure.

It is very much time we met. Next time your peregrinations take you in the vicinity of London, please let me know so that we can arrange to have a bite of lunch.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Robert Murray

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