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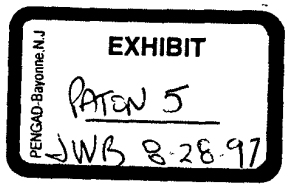
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DATE January 20, 1972

SUBJECT Sonneborn/PCBs

REFERENCE

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I talked to Mr. Schwerd, Assistant Plant Manager of DeSoto's Chicago Heights plant concerning a Therminol FR-1 conversion. He asked if Therminol FR-1 was the same as Aroclor. I said they were chemically similar and both were PCBs. He then went on to say that Sonneborn began to use Kaneclor when we discontinued Aroclor for building sealants last year. Sonneborn is no longer part of De Soto but now owned by "some company in Minneapolis" apparently. Schwerd then asked if Kanegafuchi made "Therminols". I said it was possible but I didn't know for sure. Since Chicago Heights are short of Therminol FR-1 they may try to buy Kaneclor either directly or from Sonneborn. To combat this possibility I told Schwerd:

1. Our conversion engineers had been in touch with his engineer (Lamoureux) on January 11 and 18 re a conversion. Lamoureux felt he could get by until he could schedule a shut-down but might consider Therminol 66 top-up in an emergency.
2. There was no way we would supply more FR.
3. On December 27, DeSoto's Garland location informed us they had sizeable FR inventory. This seemed to satisfy Schwerd.

Action

1. Conversion Team

   Please keep on top of Garland/Chicago Heights. We don't want Kaneclors getting into these systems as it could be a chaotic situation.

2. W. S. Clark

   Do we have someone in our Washington office checking regularly on PCB imports from Europe and Japan. (Could PCBs come in under a coal tar category or some such.)

3. H. S. Bergen/W. R. Corey

   You may wish to notify Mr. Putzell and D Building of this situation.

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