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Andy, our Medical Dept. received a call from Mr. Chain Robbins, who is the Director of Industrial Health at Republic Steel in Cleveland. His phone number is (216) 574-7180. Chain originally called to invite Monsanto to an October 7 meeting in Gadston, Alabama. This meeting was to be attended by all superintendents of maintenance at Republic Steel locations. I gather that these would be the people in charge of the maintenance of the hydraulic systems. A Mr. Eric Heyworth in Cleveland, Ohio (phone number: 574-7952) apparently is the corporate staff personnel who coordinates all of these maintenance managers. At any rate, in your and Dave Mellon's absence Cole Weber and I talked with Chain Robbins to obtain more details on his request. We determined that Republic Steel at one time used Pydraul 135A, 150A and 312A as well as Therminol FR. Of immediate interest right now is the fact that a Niles, Ohio location has a Therminol FR system which has sprung a leak. They wanted our suggestions as to the precautions necessary prior to welding the leak. Needless to say, we've recommended they rid themselves of the FR system and then determine whether chemical flushing and other measures should be taken in converting this system to another Therminol product. Mr. Rick Kanzleiter is in charge of this and will be contacting you in the near future.

With respect to the October 7 meeting, we discussed in general the problems of PCBs in the environment as well as the need for Republic Steel to determine exactly where PCBs are still being used, if in fact this is the case. We also advised to "clean up their plants" as best they can given the information they uncover. I don't believe we will be asked to attend their meeting in Gadston on October 7. I have given Mr. Robbins your name for future questions.

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