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Dear Dr. Kelly:

Thank you again somuch for your helpful letter of May 26. I have not had time to compare it with the questions in my letter of March 22; however, it looks like it pretty well covers the field of queries that I made.

I have had no success at all in locating Kuratsune's paper of the 1968 outbreak of yusho in Japan. I have of course seen Nishizumi's article in Archives of Environmental Health and also Crow's comment in the British Journal of Dermatology. If you have not seen his excellent comment on the Japanese outbreak of PCB poisoning, I suggest you read it in the November, 1970 issue. If it happens not to be convenient to you, I will send along a copy promptly. Meanwhile, if you have already received translations of the Japanese series of articles on the Japanese outbreak, I certainly would appreciate copies of them if they are available to you.

Just yesterday my wife and I were shopping in a suburban part of Wenatchee and noticed about half a dozen leaking power pole transformers smelling very much like PCBs. These transformers had been racked up for repairs, no doubt, and incidentally several years ago one of them shorted out on the power pole just behind my house and smelled up the neighborhood with again what I presume to be the odor of PCBs.

I am leaving town tomorrow for Houston, Texas and Washington, D. C. and will be away from my office and home for two weeks. I am looking forward to hearing from you again on any material that you think should be incorporated into my review of PCBs. Presently, I have collected 142 references, but a few of them are not available, particularly the articles in Russian and Japanese.

Thankyou again for your kindness until I hear from you again. I would like to reciprocate your statement about pleasure in having this dialogue by mail. However, I would much prefer this to be in person.

Very sincerely yours,

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P.S. I presume you have been furnished a copy of the PCB Conference in Stockholm, Sweden that met September 29, 1970, and the proceedings were published by the National Swedish Environment Protection Board Research Secretaiat December, 1970 in Solna. Again, if you do not have this, I will see that it is copied and sent to you or at most a copy is prepared for you by photocopy. It is 100 pages long in mimeographed legal length size.