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FROM (NAME & LOCATION): C. Paton - B2SC

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SUBJECT : AMERICAN OPTICAL CORP./AROCLOR 4465

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cc: T. L. Gossage - B2SL
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TO : W. B. Papageorge

Another Raytheon may be in the making! Ed Fording got a call from:

Dr. Alan Janis
American Optical Corp.
Buffalo, N. Y.
(716) 895-4000

requesting Aroclor 4465. Ed asked me to call.

Dr. Janis needs 100-200 lbs. Aroclor 4465 for the cement in an optical system for the F-111. He has been working for ~3 years trying to find a substitute to no avail and the Army is not being very cooperative (as I read it) about by-passing long proving tests. They are at the stage that even if a substitute could be found now it would set the F-111 program back one year. It is here that I see the parallel with our recent Raytheon/Aroclor 1242 situation. I gave Dr. Janis the other side of the coin (EPA, etc.) and that we had long since ceased manufacture of Aroclor 4465. He knew it was a blend of PCB and PCT but thought we had molecularly distilled it. Since I did not know he asked me to find out and call him. He seemed to be implying that we could "pilot plant" it for him. I tried to turn this around by planting the seed that the Army probably had chemical labs where they could make this themselves. He saw the point of this but naturally we could not reach a decision.

On the advice of Wayne Withers, I sought Bill Duffey's permission to disclose the information that Janis wanted. I called Janis back and told him:

Aroclor 1262 and Aroclor 5460 blended 1:1 by weight.

No distillation.

Neither product now made by Monsanto.

(The above was given me by Gene Arnet at Anniston.)

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He again brought up the possibility of manufacture by us in a pilot plant in response to a request by DOD. I said we would say no and suggested the Army consider making it in their own labs.

Cumming Paton

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P. S. - DW/RLK

If we get a call on this in my absence, please involve Tom Bottini and Bill Papageorge.

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