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On 2nd January 1967 Mr. A. Richardson of Shell Chemicals' Tunstall Laboratory, Sittingbourne, Kent talked with me over the telephone concerning the Swedish Press report relating to the identification of "Polychlorinated Biphenols" as trace contaminant in sea birds, fish etc. Richardson has been working for some years on the similar problem with insecticides such as DDT, which are known to have wide distribution in trace quantities. He had already found that the chlorine-containing residue contained substances more stable than DDT. and just as Sören Jensen reports he has obtained spectrographic evidence that these are very similar if not identical with Aroclors. He has obtained samples of Aroclors 1242, 1254, 1262 and 5460 from us, and would now like to have small samples of any chemically pure Aroclor constituents which we may be able to supply. Milligram quantities would suffice for his purpose.

Mr. Richardson was quite sure that the compounds reported to be "polychlorinated biphenols" are really meant to be polychlorinated biphenyls and as support he has sent me a copy of the synopsis of a paper entitled "Pesticide Analysis: Presence of Polychlorinated Biphenyls at Residue Analysis of Biological Samples" by Sören Jensen and Gunner Widmark (photocopy attached).

I discussed with Richardson the soundness of Jensen's claims, and was assured that his work and findings are sound. Jensen is on the staff of the Institute of Analytical Chemistry, University of Stockholm. A note on the staff and work of the Institute is attached. From this you will see that Jensen is wholly concerned with the analysis of chlorinated pesticides and with the work of stations for routine analysis.

I would be glad if Dr. Baxter and Dr. Buchanan would arrange to send me milligram samples of any pure Aroclor constituents that may be available at Ruabon and St. Louis respectively.

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