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Dear Dr. Hardy,

Thank you for your letter of 15th May addressed to Mr. Tatton. I regret that this must have been filed without the question at the end having been noticed, and I am replying for Mr. Tatton in his absence on leave.

The brief answer is that pesticide residues, as we at present understand the term, would not have appeared before 1944 as the organochlorine pesticides did not come into widespread use until after the war; the organophosphorus types appeared even later on the scene. I do not know to what extent stocks of DDT might have been destroyed by burning at the end of the war but I am sure that the quantities must have been very small indeed compared with those coming into use within the years immediately following.

We shall be pleased to hear from you at any time should further information on the possible modes of dispersal of PCB compounds come to light.

Yours sincerely,

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