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SUBJECT

PCBs/OECD Report

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H.N. Dahlstrom has agreed that we give whatever assistance we can to the U.K. Government group operating within the Central Unit on Environmental Pollution, under the Department of the Environment, which will present a report to the O.E.C.D. sector group on "The Unintended Occurrence of Chemicals in the Environment" in Paris, October 19 - 27. This follows a request for assistance from Iain Prestt, deputy director of the Unit and number two to Dr. Holdgate, the Unit's director.

The U.K. group on the unintended occurrence of chemicals in the environment has decided to direct its attention to three substances as its contribution to the O.E.C.D. meeting. These substances are Mercury, PCBs and Cadmium. Our co-operation is sought on PCBs. I.C.I., incidentally, will be co-operating on Mercury. On PCBs, the Unit's intention is to cover three main aspects.

1. State what an important occurrence it is for a company (Monsanto) to partially 'ban' one of its products.
2. Stress the importance that other companies do not take advantage of this action.
3. Provide tables showing levels of PCBs in the environment.

Besides providing information on Monsanto's PCB action, we will have the opportunity to cross the Is and dot the Ts of this U.K. contribution. Needless to say, if the report follows the line proposed, it will amount to tacit U.K. governmental approval of Monsanto's action in this sphere.

The U.K. sector group has to submit its paper by August 15, so time is short.

I would be grateful if you would let me know the earliest possible dates you could attend a meeting in London with Iain Prestt to make our contribution. I will attend to co-ordinate and liaise.



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