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Mr S Chantrell (Monsanto Company Ltd.,) ✓
Dr N W Holdgate (CUEP/DOE) for information.
Mr T Wyatt (DTI) for information

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OECD PAPER: ENV(72) 27
Polychlorinated Biphenyls - Proposals for Concerted Action

1. The above paper has been circulated by the Secretariat for comment by the UK representatives on the OECD Environment Committee to which the Sector Group on Unintended Occurrence of Chemicals in the Environment (the group discussing this work) reports. Normally such a paper would be cleared at the next plenary meeting of the Environment Committee (February, 1973) and then transmitted by that Committee to the OECD Council. In this instance the Environment Committee agreed at their November meeting that, since the Sector Group met subsequently and the matter was regarded as urgent, the Secretariat could clear the paper by correspondence with national representatives on the Environment Committee within a two-week period and failing the receipt of any comments, would then transmit the paper to the Council.

2. The paper has been received and we are given to 12 December to present our comments to the Secretariat.

3. I attach a brief for the Council Meeting prepared by Mr I Prestt of this Unit and taking in comments from Mr T Wyatt (DTI). (Mr Prestt and Mr Wyatt represented the U.K. at the Sector Group Meeting in November).

4. Unless I hear to the contrary by mid day 11 December I will assume that the UK representatives on the Environment Committee are content with the brief for the Council.

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5. I am copying this minute and brief also to:-

a. Mr M.E.Heath (U.K. Permanent Delegation to OECD ) so that he can inform the Secretariat that the UK will wish to comment on the paper, (Action by December 12th, please).

b. Mr S Chantrell (Monsanto Company Ltd.,) because of the industrial implications and who may, therefore, also wish to comment. (Action by mid day 11th December, please).

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