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March 28, 1973 cc: J. F. Stapleton - B2SA

SUBJECT: PCB "INCIDENTS"

REFERENCE

TO : C. P. Cunningham - B2SA

Within the last two weeks we have had two incidents involving PCB's of which you should be appraised.

1) General Electric shipped a transformer via common carrier from their Rome, Georgia, plant which was filled with a formulated fluid of which PCB was the principal ingredient. We believe a weld on the transformer failed which resulted in fluid leakage. The truck was stopped by a police officer and before the truck was allowed back on the highway near Kingston, Tennessee, the fluid was drained. This has resulted in adverse local reaction and State and Regional pollution control officers have become involved.

2) There was a spillage of mineral oil into a swamp area at the Guelph, Ontario, General Electric plant premises. Because the swamp area has had PCB in it for years the belief now is that some of this PCB got out with the mineral oil spillage. We understand that the original local anxiety has now simmered down markedly.

Both of these situations are being given close attention by our people and Mr. Putzell has been appraised of them. We think these situations are being handled adequately but we felt you should be informed.

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