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Dear John:

It was gracious of you to reschedule your flight to the West Coast to permit a stopover in St. Louis for a few hours. We appreciate your courtesy in finding time to do so in a busy schedule, and we look forward to meeting with you next week.

As you suggested, I am sending you several items for review in advance of our meeting. Duplicate copies of the following are being mailed to your office and home addresses:

1) File memorandum of a meeting between Drs. Kimbrough (CDC), Squires (NCI), Gordon and Richter (Industrial BIO-TEST) and myself on January 31, 1975.

2) Summary and selected pages of Industrial BIO-TEST Report (November 12, 1971) on a 2-year rat feeding study with AROCLOR 1260.

3) Industrial BIO-TEST Report (March 24, 1975) on review of liver sections from the study cited as item 2.

4) Draft of paper by Dr. Kimbrough, et al, on AROCLOR 1260.

These should present you with a good indication of our concern. We would like your recommendations as to what we should do as

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a result of this information and your thoughts as to how we might proceed in bringing this information to the attention of our customers and various regulatory agencies. As you can note from the affiliations of Dr. Kimbrough's co-authors, many of the latter are already aware of her findings.

We would also appreciate your evaluation of these reports, your opinion as to whether there are apparent reasons for the different results obtained by the 2 laboratories, your suggestions regarding possible additional animal testing, and your judgement as to the significance of the findings with respect to hazards to man.

Both Dr. Kimbrough's and BIO-TEST's studies were conducted with the same lot of AROCLOR 1260. Consequently, there should be no differences which could be attributable to impurities in the test materials. The highest feeding level used in the BIO-TEST study (100 ppm) corresponds to the single level used by Dr. Kimbrough. AROCLOR 1260 is a mixture of homologs and isomers of biphenyl which has been chlorinated to an average of 60%.

We shall be waiting at the airport on Tuesday, May 6, 1975, to meet your flight, AA 233, scheduled for arrival at 1:11 p.m. We promise to see you aboard flight AA 353 which is scheduled to depart at 4:35 p.m. In the interval between those 2 flights, we would appreciate your initial views on this matter.

Kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

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