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SUBJECT: MOBIL STUDY ON PCB's

REFERENCE:

TO Mr. J. W. Hanley
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I talked to Dr. Harry Sinclaire of Mobil today regarding the status of their PCB studies. He told me that he had had a visit from the Chairman of the Board of Mobil regarding his discussion with you.

In essence, neither Dr. Sinclaire nor I had any further information to exchange. Dr. Sinclaire did say that Mobil was preparing a letter to go to Business Week which will say that they have not stated accurately the findings on PCB's at Mobil. Dr. John Zapp, who has just retired from the Haskell Laboratory at duPont, has become consultant to Mobil. Dr. John Zapp states that melanomas are apparently being reported in some increase in frequency in the area of the Mobil Laboratory which makes even Mobil suspect that their findings are not really related to PCB's.

Mobil's problem is that they asked the University of Pennsylvania to do the study and once the study was done, poor though it may have been, the professor at Pennsylvania wanted to publicize the findings. Mobil was unable to throttle the professor or even to change what she said.

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