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Aroclor - Environmental Contamination

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Robert E. Keller, Manager, Applied Sciences Section, Research Dept. - Organic Chemicals Division and I are planning a trip to Europe the end of this month to visit a number of the scientists and laboratories which have published or informed us of data obtained showing that polychlorinated biphenyls are as widespread in the tissues of marine life as DDT. Included in the itinerary are Great Britain, Scotland, the Netherlands and possibly Germany.

Bob Keller will be at the seminar in Ruabon on April 24-25. We would like to schedule during April 28 through May 1 meetings with those in Great Britain with whom there has been correspondence concerning the problem. This includes:

1. D. C. Holmes & O. G. Tatton and/or their associates at the Laboratory of the Governmental Chemist, Cornwall House, Stamford Street, London S. E. 1

2. Mr. A. Richardson
   Shell Chemicals
   Tunstall Laboratory
   Broad Oak Road
   Sittingbourne, Kent (England)

3. Possibly Dr. Alan Holden, Fresh Water Fisheries Laboratories, Pitlochery Pearcher, Scotland. We understand that Dr. Holden is the coordinator for the 12 OECD countries regarding the influence of biocides on nature.

Currently we plan to leave for Brussels Thursday, May 1.

Dr. Kelly tells me that when he visited you recently you mentioned that Cremer & Warner & Partners, Ecology Consultants in London might also be involved.

Would it be possible for you or one of your associates to arrange appointments with the individuals mentioned above.

By copy of this memo to Bob Keller I am passing on information that H. A. Bodden is the research manager* at Ruabon. I am sure Bob will want to talk to him while he is there.

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I believe Dr. Hardy's files on this subject are available to you but if not please let me know and I can send you copies of previous correspondence, reprints, etc. including back to late 1966 when Prof. Widmark and Prof. Jensen presented their first lecture identifying PCB's as the interfering substance in chlorinated pesticide tissue analyses.

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