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Mr. David Wood
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Dear David,

re: AROCLORS

Reference is made to our telephone conversation and I have tried to dig out the information you asked for. Before going into any detail, however, I would like to refer to your letter to Mr. Sören Jensen , dated February 8.

Mr. Jensen would be interested in samples of as many isomers as you can put at his disposal. The quantities of course are very small indeed and he would need only about 10 mg of each. In theory you could put the lot behind a stamp and mail it to Mr. Sören Jensen but in actual practice it is of course not as easy as that.

Anyway, Mr. Jensen would be interested in both the low-chlorinated and the high-chlorinated types since this would help him to get a better picture of the metabolism.

Now to the various points you raised. Enclosed you will find the original articles as published in "Dagens Nyheter" and "Svenska Dagbladet" on November 23, 1966. The people who organised the meeting where Mr. Jensen's paper was presented was a Committee - 1964 års Naturvårdskommitté - operating under Statens Naturvetenskapliga Forskningsråd (The Swedish Natural Science Research Council). The Committee (for Conservation of Natural Resources of 1964) is working under the chairmanship of a Dr. B. Lundholm.

The meeting was organised under the auspices of Naturvårdskommittén and was called apparently only in order to give Mr. Sören Jensen an opportunity to publish his findings. The timing was made so as to coincide with a visit of Dr. A. Holden from Scotland.

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Dr. Alan Holden - address Fresh Water Fisheries Laboratory, Pitlochry Pearcher, Scotland - is the coordinator for the twelve OECD countries, as far as the influence of biocides on Nature goes. Dr. Holden apparently is a specialist on such questions and particularly on fish. There is no intention that Dr. Holden, or the group of twelve OECD countries as such, should carry on any further investigations on the particular problem unearthed by Mr. Jensen. Any continuation will be carried on in Stockholm by Mr. Jensen or cooperating Swedish laboratories.

The meeting of November 23 offered only one paper, i.e. that of Mr. Jensen. No decisions were made on any further action.

The work done by Mr. Jensen was paid for by the above-mentioned Committee for Conservation of Natural Resources. The further studies planned for on toxicology have not been started on yet since there is no money available. It is possible, however, that the same Committee of 1964 will be asked to subsidise even that work.

If toxicological studies are to be made, these probably will be carried out at Karolinska Institutet, Division of Toxicology under Professor Bo Holmstedt. The full address of this institute is

Kgl. Karolinska Institutet
Avd. Toxikologi
Solnavägen 1
Stockholm 60.

Since no decision has been made on toxicological investigations, obviously no information can be given as to the scope of the planned investigations.

The LKB press release of January 10, 1967 mentioned the research of twelve OECD countries. As was mentioned above, there is no question of any central investigations to be made under the auspices of the twelve countries. There is only the question of coordinated efforts by way of interchange of information.

Enclosed you will find photo copies of the original paper of Mr. Sören Jensen. We have taken this copy here and Mr. Jensen apologizes for the state of the paper which is his own typing. He has not yet had an opportunity to have it properly retyped for publication.

I hope the above answers your questions.

Yours sincerely,

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P.S.

David:-

For the sake of good order, I would like to mention that Mr. Sören Jensen has sent us these papers with the understanding that they are only for internal use within the Monsanto organisation.

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