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PCB POLLUTION PROBLEM-GE PROPOSED VISIT TO ST LOUIS, DATE TO BE SELECTED FROM MAY 4, 7 or 8

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H. S. Bergen - HBERG
H. Minekler - HMINC
R. E. Kelly - REKLL
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Ed Raab phoned to say that the top level GE people now seek to meet with the Monsanto executive management for reconfirmation about Monsanto's corporate stand on the PCB problem relative to:

1. That Monsanto will continue to actively study the PCB problem.

2. That Monsanto will continue to supply Pyranol and avoid precipitous action that might preclude supply of Pyranol to GE.

Included in the Monsanto people with whom GE seek to meet are: Charlie Sommer, Ed Bock, Dr. Kelly, Elmer Wheeler, Howard Minekler, Bill Papageorge, yourself and Howard Bergen.

We know that Bill Papageorge will not be in St. Louis and I will not return from Japan until May 11. Our absence should not hold up the meeting and Ed Raab wants to hear from either Howard Bergen or from you or from me no later than tomorrow nominating the date when GE should be here. Ed gave me the following background which is worth noting.

First of all, Ed would come to St. Louis with Robert Ames, Vice President of the Power Transformer Division. Mr. Ames is responsible among other plants for the Rome, Georgia facility. He is Chairman of the GE Askarel Task Force on PCB Pollution Problems. He reports to Robert Lewis, Executive Vice President who is directly under Fred Borsch, President of GE.

Mr. C. J. Meloun, Vice President is responsible for the GE Distribution Transformer Division. This includes the Pittsfield plant, Hickory and several others.

Mr. L. C. Maier, Vice President is in charge of Hudson Falls and Fort Edward capacitor plants as well as several other facilities.

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Last week when Ed Raab and I were at the IEEE meeting in New Orleans, GE had a top level executive meeting at Pittsfield and officially appointed Ed Raab as their coordinator for all askarel matters on the PCB problem throughout the GE organization.

While we have already been through this PCB discussion with GE, their very top executives now seek to meet with our highest executives for confirmation. This is their purpose in seeking to visit us at St. Louis.

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