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Note of Phone Call From Mr. Harry Gilmer of
EPA at 10:30PM approximately on February 9, 1979

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* Gilmer *
* Deposition *
* Exhibit 17 *
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Mr. Gilmer rang me and asked what my feeling ~~was about the~~
finding of tetrachloro benzodioxins in the o-Chlorophenol
spilled at Sturgeon. I told him that I did not think that
the 37 ppb found changed our feeling that no hazard was
involved either for the people of Sturgeon or for the WES
crew clearing up.

He asked me what acute effects I might expect and I said
that if any were found, it would be chloracne. He said
one WES operative had a skin irritation, but it was not
thought to be chloracne.

He asked me about the identification of the exact isomer.
I said that was right outside my knowledge, but I understood
that the analysts viewed it as being difficult to the point
of impossibility.

He asked if other help was being sought. Again, I said that
this was outside my field; but that I understood that other
advise would be sought. He asked whether Dow would be
consulted and I said that I understood that they probably
would be.

I told him that if I could be of any help, I would be very glad
to be and the conversation closed.


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