D. B. Hosmer - General Offices

August 6, 1971

R. E. Keller
W. B. Papageorge
H. E. Horner

POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS

Telephone call from
American Tobacco Company

Scott E. Tucker
John F. Queeny

Mr. Preston H. Leake of the American Tobacco Company called to tell me that the FDA has advised them that the crackers sold by one of their subsidiaries contain PCB, which was doubtless absorbed from the paper wrapping around the crackers. Mr. Leake stated that they are trying to develop a suitable GLC method for PCB in paper. He asked whether we could supply him with a reference standard of PCB to be used to establish the method and whether I could supply any suggestions concerning analytical methods or techniques which would be helpful.

I pointed out that our PCB was not a pure compound but could contain as many as 52 isomers and related compounds and committed to send him a sample. I also gave him Hap Horner's name and phone number for advice and consultation about methods.

Will you please send Mr. Leake a small sample of Aroclor 1242 for use in methods development. Also, will Hap Horner please supply him with any non-confidential data he needs or refer him further to Bob Keller. The sample should be addressed as follows:

Preston H. Leake
c/o American Tobacco Company
Research & Development Department
P.O. Box 799
Hopewell, Virginia 23860

If problems arise, please let me know.

D. B. Hosmer

bt