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SUBJECT

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TO : J. R. Durland - MMK

cc J. F. Stapleton - C1NA
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Dear John,

It will come as no surprise to you that the Board has instructed the Industrial Chemicals Co. to withdraw PCB's and PCT's from the domestic market - completely in the case of heat transfer fluids and platicisers, but with notable exceptions in the case of electrical applications. The implementation program is described in two attachments. (W. R. Corey memo 12/27/71 and Paton Clark memo 12/17/71) International has been instructed to implement a program overseas which is consistent with - but not necessarily identical with - domestic policy.

The area which most involves you obviously concerns MMK's operations.

First, it is our desire that MMK stop the export of PCB's - except for electrical uses under terms described in the attachments. For MMK to continue to supply customers in third countries whom we have cut off from U.S. and U.K. would defeat our policy and could be embarassing for us to defend in case of litigation.

Second, would you convey to the rest of the MMK Board the facts of the MC Board action and give the background information which led to these decisions? In view of the ecological pressures in Japan and the long-term and wide-spread nature of PCB pollution, MMK might well wish to take action parallel to MC's. Certainly Tony and I would support such a position with the MMK Board.

Will you keep us informed of MMK's decisions?

G. F. Wingard

GFW/ace