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cc: J. R. Durland - Tokyo
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SUBJECT Report on "Human Poisoning With Kane-Chlor"

REFERENCE

TO : Dr. Robert E. Keller

Attached is a summary of the Japanese interim report on the incident where humans were poisoned with the Japanese chlorinated biphenyl when it leaked into and contaminated rice bran oil.

Briefly, the original newspaper articles were vastly exaggerated since they indicated as many as 14,000 people may have suffered poisoning. This number was reduced to 600 and the enclosed report indicated that there are 178 diagnosed cases and 111 suspected cases.

The principal symptoms are related to the dermitological effects (chloracne, blackheads, rash, etc.). The clinical investigations report possible more serious effects including those on pregnant women and subsequent new births.

I don't know that you want to spend much time on the reports of the clinical and the epidemilogical committees. You may, however, be interested in the report of the analytical investigations beginning on page 53. Included in the determinations were gas chromatography results on tissue from two or more of the patients.

If you should make Xerox copies of the analytical portion of the report, would you make one for me? John Durland has asked that these reports be returned to him when we're through with them.

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