Arctic Ecology conference

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Mr. Harold R. Hoyle
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Dear Harold:

In reply to your letter of July 3, our Therminol heat exchange materials are special grades of chlorinated biphenyls.

We are familiar with the work reported by the Swedish investigators but at the present time have no explanation of what the possible sources are nor, perhaps more importantly, whether there is any significance to the findings. Work to date indicates that any occurrence of the chlorinated biphenyls as shown in Sweden has been associated with the chlorinated insecticides. At one time the USDA proposed use of one of the chlorinated terphenyls to increase the effectiveness of some chlorinated and other pesticides. We do not believe such practice is very widespread in the U.S. but it is possible that the use has continued abroad.

I hope you are having a pleasant summer in Midland.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Elmer P. Wheeler

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