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DATE: June 11, 1982

CC: John Craddock

A25A file PCB General reading file

SUBJECT: June 4, 1982, TIME: 8:55 p.m.
Truck Spilling PCB

REFERENCE:

TO Record

I received a call from Dr. Walter Barnes relating the fact that he had called from Knoxville, Tennessee, by a Dr. Bob Lash at the Poison Control Center. The doctor had related that a truck carrying drums, allegedly filled with PCB's, had spilled a fairly large quantity down several miles of freeway in or near Knoxville, Tennessee. The doctor had called because patients in emergency rooms had complained of burning eyes and nasopharynxes. Dr. Barnes had provided them with the advice to take the contaminated clothes, put them in plastic bags, and seal them, wash the individual down with soap water and that no other care needed to be done right at this time. Dr. Barnes related that he had gotten the initial call about 8:30 p.m.

I called John Craddock at approximately 9:15 p.m. and relayed this information to him. He stated that he would followup with the hospital and determine if in fact PCB's were in the material and give them the advice on decontamination that they may need. Dr. Craddock advised against notifying Mr. Throdahl and stated that he would take care of that if that was necessary. Dr. Roush has left town. Attempts to call his house were unrewarding. Dr. Craddock felt that it was unnecessary to try to contact Dr. Roush at his destination.

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