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Dear Dr. Wheeler:

This will recall to you our correspondence of last October concerning the toxicities of the Arochlors. I appreciated receiving the reports of your consulting laboratories, and regret not having acknowledged them sooner but I thought that the report mentioned on page 1 of your 10 October letter might have been en route and delayed writing.

With respect to the White House Conference report, there is, as far as I know, no specific reference to PCB contamination of foods, etc., but the PCB's will continue to be considered with the persistent chlorinated hydrocarbons of pesticide origin as substances which accumulate in the environment and about which continued vigilance will be needed.

Dr. Risebrough is in Antarctica for two months to investigate the occurrence of DDT's and PCB's, if any, in the biomass there.

Meanwhile we continue to be interested in samples of pure individual Arochlors compounds as gas chromatography controls. If you cannot furnish, could you possibly suggest a European or Japanese source?

Very truly yours,

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