St. Louis

April 7, 1970

[redacted] Keller - So. 2nd St.
E. P. Wheeler - EWHEE

W. B. Papageorge
WPAPA

I talked to Dr. David Hill at the Ohio Department of Public Health with an idea to find out who in the FDA or the Department of Agriculture might be setting a tolerance on PCB's in milk.

Two things happened. First, he says they are now talking about a tolerance of 0.5 ppm in whole milk and a possible 5 ppm in the fat of edible animals. He stated that it looked like another six weeks before such a regulation would be issued. This, of course, is an educated guess on his part. When I tried to find out who in the FDA or Department of Agriculture would be the man to contact to try to find out something more, Dr. Hill was somewhat evasive. He told me that his source was a district office and it was second hand. I did not press him any further, as it looked hopeless.

At present, I am at a dead end as far as finding out anything from the FDA or Department of Agriculture. I am not so sure whether it might not do more harm than good for us to start poking around to find out. Let me know if anyone has any firm convictions that I should start digging.

R. Emmet Kelly, M. D.

REK/ln