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RE URTX OCT 8 ON PCB

1. MITI'S BASIC POLICY IS TO BAN IMPORT OF ANY PCB AND PCB CONTAINING EQUIPMENT EXCEPT FOR VERY SPECIFIC USES. THEY ARE LIKELY TO MOVE IN THE DIRECTION OF COMPLETE EMBARGO WITHOUT EXCEPTION BY APRIL 1974.

   PCB CONTAINING EQUIPMENT NOW USED IS ONLY FOR BULLET TRAINS BUT THESE DEVICES ARE EXPECTED TO BE REPLACED WITH PCB-FREE ONES BY 1974.

2. A COMMITTEE WAS ESTABLISHED IN JULY UNDER MITI'S GUIDANCE TO HANDLE RECOVERY AND DISPOSAL OF PCBS IN ELECTRIC APPLIANCES. STUDIES ARE GOING ON AT THE COMMITTEE TO PURSUE BEST MEANS FOR RECOVERY AND DISPOSAL OF PCBS.

   THEY ASKED MMK FOR INFORMATION ON MC'S LIQUID PCB WASTE INCINERATOR.

   WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING IF AT ALL AVAILABLE

   A. OUTLINE OF THE FACILITIES

   B. DISPOSAL CAPACITY

   C. CONSTRUCTION COST

   D. OUTLINE OF OPERATIONS

THANK YOU.

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