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SUBJECT

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TO : R.E. KELLER - St. Louis

G. Telling of Unilever Research Colworth will be in the U.S.A. from June 1st to June 12th this year, and has asked whether a visit to M.C. can be arranged to discuss analytical work on p.c.b.'s.

Telling is head of the group at Unilever responsible for analysis of pesticides in food, animal and plant residues. The scope of this group has now been widened to include p.c.b.'s because of Unilever's large interest in the herring industry.

We have had a number of meetings with Telling, both at Ruabon and at Colworth and although Unilever obviously would like to know as much as possible about the total p.c.b. picture, he has limited his queries strictly to analytical work. I think that if he visited you he would maintain this position. On our part, we have had useful information from him on interference of pesticides in p.c.b. analysis and on the levels of pesticides and p.c.b.'s in herring taken from various areas.

Telling knows that both analytical development and toxicological studies are being carried out by M.C., but only knows that the former is being carried out in St. Louis.

My own feeling is that I do not think we will lose by talking to Telling, Unilever have only recently (approx. 6 months) started on p.c.b. determination, but they are putting considerable effort (approx. two graduates and four technicians) into method development and marine studies.

Best regards,

R.A. LIDGETT