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FROM (NAME & LOCATION) W. A. KUHN - ST. LOUIS

DATE SEPTEMBER 19, 1969 CC:

SUBJECT

REFERENCE

TO : H. S. BERGEN

Discussed with staff 9/20

AROCLOR - WILDLIFE, MS. PROBLEM?

Contr Toxicity

Received a call from Jerry Miller, Chief Chemist at Anniston. He has received a call from Boyd Cook, Field Representative for the Maryland Milk Association. Cook says that the F.D.A. has analyzed the milk from six dairy herds, all located within a six-mile diameter of Martinsburg, W. Virginia, and has definitely identified 5 ppm of PCB's. They have tentatively identified the PCB as Aroclor 1254. Cook stated that he thought the F.D.A. was certain to require that the milk be dumped. Cook inquired about uses for Aroclor and Jerry told him only two — capacitors and heat transfer. Cook then asked if Aroclor was ever used in pasticizers and Jerry said he supposed it was possible. Cook stated that silos in the area were lined with plastic materials — there could be some connection here. Another conjecture — all six herds graze in the same limestone belt area — may have common water supply.

I called Elmer Wheeler and he already knew of the incident and said that he would call Boyd Cook. — ph no. 301-944-6800 If unavailable 1208 Stout. And. expect would take call.

W. A. KUHN

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Howard —

I tried to get Eva to hand this to you in the staff meeting but she refused to do so. Since Wheeler was informed and taking action, I decided you could wait until more is heard of the problem

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