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SUBJECT: Transformer Inerteen

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Since each individual will think what he wishes to in any event -- I merely report what transpired.

Today I received a call from the Chief Engineer of the Seattle, Wash. Light & Power Utility. He informed me that a large stadium is to be built there. Like similar such stadiums a significant number of transformers will be required. Things he had already heard disturbed and upset these people to the point that they decided to cancel selection of askarel type transformers.

These units were to have been bid by Westinghouse, S. Boston, and likely G.E. Both said they could furnish askarel type units.

Now in light of our own quandry and disturbances, I still found reason to spend Monsanto's time and money convincing this Chief Engineer of the Seattle Light & Power Utility not to rule out askarel transformers, and to specify them. He indicated that askarel types would seem the most logical selection except for the PCB environmental question.

I told him about our ANSI guidelines which will be available and gave him ample assurance that the fluid is available, this type equipment is available and that it can be handled to everyone's satisfaction without any unusual or undue difficulty. He said that my comments convinced him to respecify askarel.

I can say without any reservation that as we move along Monsanto will continue to be called on to make this prime recommendation, or turned around, this is to say notwithstanding that Seattle Light had explored the matter with Westinghouse and G.E. and

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they would have cancelled out askarel transformer selection if it had not been for our telephone recommendation.

Some of you may wish to dwell on this a bit as it seems to me that it puts us into a questionable posture as our own Legal people cancelled our thoughts about possibly advertising askarel to the extend of merely letting people know that Monsanto still makes these fluids. In the case of the Seattle Light Company needs we look forward to making 4000 more gallons of a known normal type transformer Inerteen.

In case it is not being recognized, my remark about a known normal type Inerteen implies that I cannot foresee Westinghouse furnishing a "pseudo" (biologically and toxicologically) unproven type Inerteen. I could not risk recommending such to the Seattle City Light Company.

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