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Subject: Telephone Call from
Dr. Warren S. Guy,
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re Fluorochemicals
in Human Blood

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TO: L. C. Krogh - Comm1.Chem.-223-6SE
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Dr. Guy, who is located at the University of Florida, was calling from the University of Rochester, New York, where he and the other author of the paper entitled "Characteristics and Concentrations of Organic Fluorocompounds Found in Human Tissues" were finalizing their preparations. After reviewing the background experimental information, Dr. Guy indicated that they were attempting to "run down" the source of organic fluorine so they could make a more specific report when they give their paper at the National ACS Meeting in Chicago this coming Tuesday. In the search for information he had called Gene Stump of Peninsular Chemresearch. Gene had suggested that he contact me.

I indicated to Dr. Guy that he was asking me to speculate in an area where one should definitely not speculate. He asked me if it would be possible for the residues that they had found in 98 of 100 people sampled could have come from SCOTCHGARD. I told him that SCOTCHGARD contained no materials that were likely to produce the perfluorocarboxylic acid derivatives they claim to have found. He asked me if we manufacture perfluorooctanoic acid. I indicated that we did. He asked for chemical identification of our overall product line. I advised him our products were proprietary but referred him to Volume V of Simons for chemical background. He said he had already read this and it was not specific enough.

I closed the conversation by again reiterating that this was no time for speculation. I asked him to be on firm technical ground before making statements as to possible sources of organic fluorine.

Ron Mitsch and possibly a member from our Analytical Section of Central Research will be present at the time the paper is given.

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