B2SC Cumming Paton

May 23, 1972

Dielectric Aroclor

To →

B2SL T. L. Gossage
T3A W. R. Richard
→1760 R. H. Munch
B2SC P. G. Benignus
B2NK W. B. Papageorge

B2SL
J. R. SAVAGE

Jim, at our presentation to the PCB Task Force in Washington on May 15 we presented the composition of Aroclor 1016 as containing 1% pentachlorobiphenyl and higher homologs and 0.1% hexachlorobiphenyl and higher homologs. By now I think the idea that Aroclor 1016 has under 0.4% pentachloro and higher homologs is pretty well established. The fact that methodology is involved in making distinctions ie not going to be of immediate significance to many people. In order to prevent more of a credibility problem I think we need to know what current Aroclor 1016 is running as far as penta-chloro and higher homologs and hexachloro and higher by our latest analytical techniques. We should have available evidence to show that our May 15 numbers can be substantiated.

The second point concerns chlorodibenzofurans. At our meeting the FDA showed concern regarding getting definite proof that chlorodibenzofurans were absent from our PCBs. I suggest we have several current batches of Aroclor 1016, 1242 and 1254 screened. I think we need to have this data available.

Cumming Paton

cs

(Need for Mieme input.)

MONS 201759

~~W. R. Richard~~
~~Reg[illegible] 7 [illegible] A~~

MONS 201760