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DATE 9th November, 1967 cc: W.McG. Morgan

SUBJECT

REFERENCE DVNH/SS

TO : C.E. Coleman

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You are probably aware that in the investigation of insecticide residues in marine life (fish, birds, birds eggs) chlorinated materials other than well-known insecticides have been found, and that there is now convincing evidence that these are chlorinated biphenyls. I am naturally anxious to determine the extent to which our materials might be responsible and so I am looking for leads as to likely ways in which Aroclors might be thrown away e.g. down the drains, or on to the land so that they would come down the rivers to the coast.

There is evidence to suggest that the valley of the River Witham (which flows southwards from Boston into the Wash) needs close scrutiny.

Would you let me know whether there are any users of Aroclors in the above area, and whether you think that in the electrical applications of Aroclors there is much likelihood of material being thrown away.

I should mention that useage of Aroclor in special purpose papers looks to be a much more likely possibility.

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