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SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with Region 3, EPA (Philadelphia)
Caswell#641 (Pentachlorophenol)

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TO:

Mr. Joseph J.C. Donovan of the Enforcement Division of EPA Region 3, Philadelphia, called to inquire about toxic human effects to inhalation exposure to pentachlorophenol. The incident involved misuse of wood preservative containing PCP wherein treated wood was used inside a house. People in the house were exposed to vapors of the pesticide and experienced some nasal irritation and gagging from it. He wanted to know if the effects of exposure were significantly adverse or unknown. I told him I didn't ^{know if the effects were significantly} adverse or not and discussed some open literature symptoms on PCP exposure I had available. He requested I send him some toxicological information. I mailed him two non-confidential documents, with references, on PCP.

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