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On April 17, a phone call was made to Dr. John J. Hood, Vice President of Research, Geigy Agricultural Chemicals. The purpose of the phone call was to advise John that we had received our label registration for the tank mix of Paraquat and Atrazine. We also discussed Geigy's attitude regarding Paraquat. John said that Geigy felt that Paraquat was a potentially hazardous chemical and they were not doing any research on this product. Their Marketing people have been advised to not promote or encourage the use of Paraquat in any way. A copy of our release had been sent to Dr. Hood. This release is presently being reviewed by Geigy's Industrial Hygiene Department and an opinion has not been given as yet. John said that this opinion could change their attitude toward Paraquat. However, he did not think this would happen. He advised that Geigy is very conservative with regard to highly toxic or hazardous chemicals. They have had several materials with great potential but they were very toxic or presented a potential hazard. These materials have been put back on the shelf and not developed.

With regard to the actions of Geigy people in the field John said he felt that this was a misunderstanding by the people in the field. John has discussed this with Mr. O'Brien and Mr. O'Brien will be in touch with Mr. Wierenga to work out this problem. The Marketing people sent out a notice to their salesmen telling them to not encourage the use of Paraquat with any of their products. Geigy felt that they had sufficient liability with their own products and did not want to increase their liability by having Paraquat included with these products.

In December, we were advised by Geigy that they had samples of apples and peaches from trees that had Simazine plus Paraquat applied around the base. We wrote back and asked that these samples be sent to Dalare Laboratory for residue analyses. To date, these samples have not been shipped. This was discussed with Dr. Hood who advised me that these samples would be shipped to Dalare. These samples are low on Geigy's priority list and will not be analyzed for Simazine until the more important analyses have been completed.

  
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