

To file P/2/1.16
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URGENT TELEX FROM: DAVIES, ICI MELBOURNE

TO: MS ROSE

COPIES: K HOWARD
MILK, MELBOURNE

Please treat as urgent. Public Health Advisory Committee which is senior committee of NH and ~~and~~ MRC has reopened question of emetic formulation of paraquat. Two aspects have been raised.

1. The philosophy of addition of emetic to a pesticide or herbicide rather than reliance of safety of material generally.
2. The efficacy of the emetic.

First move in reopened discussions is for me to visit Canberra Monday 13 February.

Would appreciate any further details available on a number of aspects of matter:-

- ✓ a.. During visit to Australia K Howard spoke of delay in gastric emptying due to PP796. Can you give further information please.
- b. Rate of induction of vomiting after intake of PP796. Your telex of 9 May 1977 spoke of anticipation that most people who swallowed emetic dose of PP796 would vomit within 10-20 minutes. Also mentioned unreported pre-clinical trials with ICI personnel. Can these trials now be mentioned and if so can you give idea of time between ingestion and vomiting.
- c. Is it still correct to talk of peak blood concentration being reached between 1 and 6 hours, with relatively constant level for from 4-30 hours, relating to PQ content of small gut over first 16 hours. (this in a non-overwhelming case).
- maybe d. Have you any data regarding cases of ingestion of new formulation in any part of world. Same would be most useful.

Feel I should talk to you before going to Canberra. Can you phone me on Melbourne 598-5679 on Wednesday or Friday approximately 9.30 a.m. your time. Please advise by telex when call is to be.

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