


CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Date: August 26, 1987

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To: The File

From: Gary Kulibert 

Subject: C. M. Christenson

On August 19, 1987, I received a call from the Vilas County Sheriff's Department concerning some chemicals found by some kids north of the Town of Phelps. I investigated the property to the northwest side of the old C. M. Christenson pole operation with a sheriff's detective and the coordinator for Emergency Government.

Some kids had apparently been playing with the chemicals which appeared to be from a small lab on the Christensen property. Silver nitrate, nitric acid, tritration tubes, flasks and assortment of vials were noted. Most of it appeared quite old.

I talked with two of the mothers and found that one of the children had been slightly burned by the nitric acid. We then inspected the several buildings on the property to determine if a break-in had occurred. One small lab that had old chemicals and equipment in it was noted. However, no signs of break-in were noted.

On August 20, 1987, at 11:45 a.m. I talked with Mr. Christensen concerning the situation. Mr. Don Crass would be going to the site for inspection, clean up the chemicals and would inform me what the chemicals were and the disposal of them. I also requested an inspection with someone from the company to determine any potential environmental impacts from the dipping operation. He indicated Don Crass would be the one.

It was understood that a call would be made to me by Don Crass in the near future.

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cc: SW/3

D. Tyler, Woodruff