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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: PP#0F2413/FAP#0H5275 and PP#3F2793/FAP#3H5378 [No RCB #]. Investigation of "Ubiquitous" Acetamide in Milk - Slippage of RD's Expedited Due Date.

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This memo is being sent to inform you of slippage in RD's expedited due date of June 21, 1985.

RCB originally requested EPA's Beltsville Laboratory (Analytical Chemistry Section, Chemical Operations Branch, BUD) to investigate whether acetamide is ubiquitous in milk on April 30, 1985 (see M. Firestone memo to Don Marlow, COB Branch Chief). In a memo of May 16, 1985, RD requested that ACS (BUD) expedite the chemical analysis of milk and that RCB expedite its review of the results by June 21, 1985 (see D. Campt, Director of RD, memo to J. Melone, Director of HED).

On June 20, 1985, RCB was informed by ACS (D. Wright, ACS, private communication with M. Firestone, RCB) that due to equipment (GS-Mass Spectrometer) failure, it will be impossible to meet the expedited due date.

Since there is no way to know when exactly the "vital" equipment will be restored to proper working condition, it is not yet possible at this time for ACS or RCB to determine an exact time table for completing this project. Upon submission of the requested data from ACS, RCB expects to complete its review and produce an official report of the results within a period of one week.

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