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Dear David:

In connection with our telephone conversation yesterday concerning the referenced preliminary draft report, I enclose photocopies of all pages containing the comments which we discussed, as well as the last two pages where the suggested modifications were too lengthy to discuss. Many, if not most, involve requests for clarification or changes in format. However, in a few cases, we feel that some interpretations or findings are rather speculative and should either be omitted or a more detailed justification for including them be provided. As I explained, we are concerned that some of these statements may be taken out of context and used adversely against Monsanto. However, it is certainly not our intention to try to undermine the integrity of Litton Bionetics and if you feel that any of our comments are contrary to what was agreed upon with our impartial consultant, Dr. Ray Harbison, please state this fact and let the statements stand.

I suggest sending four copies of the next draft report to me for distribution to the appropriate persons in Monsanto and sending one copy direct to

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If you have any questions about the comments please call myself or George Levinskas.

Sincerely,

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