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Dear Sir:

Since early 1970 we have been advising your company of significant developments relating to the polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) environmental situation.

As you know, many pollution control agencies conduct monitoring programs to evaluate the presence and impact of many materials on the environment. Some of these programs include PCB.

Recently a representative of a governmental pollution control agency contacted Monsanto requesting information concerning PCB sales. Specifically, he asked for names and addresses of PCB customers in his area, with the quantities of PCB product sold to each. He stated that this information was being requested because significant amounts of PCB were being detected in the discharge from sewage treatment facilities in his area.

He was informed that Monsanto considers information of this type confidential and, therefore, does not disclose it outside the Company. He subsequently informed us that the request for information was being sent to the local federal district attorney for appropriate action.

As we have pointed out on numerous occasions to representatives of government and of private groups, Monsanto has long had a policy, which it continues to follow, of treating information concerning its customers as confidential information. However, you should be aware that, because of governmental or judicial orders or requirements or because of a change in circumstances resulting from the unique nature of the PCB problem, Monsanto may at some future date be obligated to disclose such information to qualified persons.

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We wish to strongly re-emphasize with you the importance of avoiding direct or accidental PCB contamination of feed, food and packaging material and of preventing PCB's from escaping into the environment. We direct your attention to the recent FDA notice of proposed rule making on PCB's published in the Federal Register, Vol. 37, No. 54, pp 5705 and following, dated March 18, 1972.

If PCB's are still present at your locations you are urged to thoroughly review your procedures and inspect your facilities to insure that extreme care is taken in the handling, use, storage, and disposal of these materials.

Sincerely,

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