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Dear Dr. Roush:

There is much current discussion about the possible toxicity of chemicals. While animal investigations can tell us much, human data may be useful in evaluation of chemical toxicity; our Laboratory, as you know, has been particularly interested in possible human health effects of chemical exposures.

We have had particular interest in the following chemicals which, we understand, are manufactured by your company:

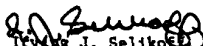
- 1,2-dichloroethane, CAS No. 107-06-2
- 1,1'-biphenyl, CAS No. 92-52-4
- ✓ polychlorinated biphenyls (Aroclors)

Has your company performed or contracted for any completed epidemiological studies of these chemicals, or do you have such studies under way at this time? Are you aware of any such studies in progress or completed by other companies or agencies? It would be very helpful if you could let me know whether or not such investigations have been made, at least according to information available to you. If they have not, it would be of additional assistance if you could provide your judgment as to whether or not such an investigation could be made profitably.

Our survey includes a number of companies; we would be pleased to inform you of the results.

With all best wishes.

Sincerely yours,


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Professor

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