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Payment for Toxicological Studies at Industrial Bio-Test Laboratories

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Aroclor Toxicity

As you requested I contacted Industrial Bio-Test concerning your payment for the studies on the Aroclors. The attached table indicates the status of the projects plus my suggestions as to the apportionment of the Monsanto payments to Bio-Test.

You will recall that your division deposited a total of $90,000 for the year 1969. At the moment Bio-Test has not allocated various amounts to the projects still underway. Instead their records show that we have a credit of $79,860 as of January 1, 1970. This is the difference between $90,000 and $10,140 for the first three projects which were finished up last June.

It is my thought that we should tell Bio-Test to apply $79,860 to the projects still underway as shown in the column entitled, "Cost 1969".

You indicated that for 1970 you would prefer to make payments quarterly toward the continuation or completion of the current projects. I, therefore, suggest that we ask Bio-Test to bill us quarterly for $22,500 to be applied against the specific projects as indicated.

The fish toxicity studies are to be repeated but there will have to be some adjustment in the cost since we have suggested additional features in the procedure not included in the original. Secondly, as you know, we have discussed repeating the leghorn chicken study with Aroclor 1242. I would suggest that we might ask Bio-Test to bill us separately for this additional work.

If you agree with my suggested "accounting", let me know and I will so notify Dr. Calandra.

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