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Dr. A. M. Shannon
Chief, Water and Wastewater Treatment
Detroit Metro Water Department
Water Board Building
735 Randolph Street
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Dear Dr. Shannon:

Your recent request for help in locating present sources of PCB in the Detroit area has been thoroughly and seriously considered.

It has always been Monsanto's policy not to divulge the names of our customers for the products we make nor the quantities of products these customers purchase. We consider this to be proprietary information and, therefore, hold it confidential. Consequently we do not feel free to comply to your request.

We certainly share your concern and desire to control the discharge of PCB's into the environment. It is because of this concern that we implemented a program of self-imposed curtailment of sales of these products so that now we are only offering continuing supplies for closed system dielectric applications where the potential danger of environmental contamination is carefully controlled.

Furthermore, as another step in safeguarding the environment we have informed all customers of PCB materials of the potential dangers should these materials escape and have strongly urged them to take every precaution to prevent losses through spills, usage, leakage, disposal, vaporization or otherwise.

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I regret we cannot comply with your request for customer information but if we can be of assistance to you in other ways we will be glad to visit you or your designeed to discuss the PCB situation further.

Sincerely,

W. B. Papageorge
Manager
Environmental Protection

WBP/bt

cc: G. F. Fague - Detroit
R. Witter - Dixenton

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