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Dr. David P. Martin
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Dear David:

Enclosed please find three interim reports of the analytical results of levels of PCB's (AROCLOR 1254) found in monkey samples from Litton. These analyses were performed at Monsanto Research Corporation, Dayton, Ohio. The analyst (Beverly Warner) informs me that the final samples from the terminal necroscopy have still not been received. Would you please look into this situation. Please also send periodic samples of the monkey chow used in the study for analysis for possible PCB contents. These samples can be sent direct to Dayton as you have been doing with the tissues. I am informed that the analyses of tissues should be complete by mid-April, 1979. If you have any questions on the analytical data, you may contact Beverly Warner direct; I believe that she has already been in contact with Linda Adamo concerning shipment. The analytical data generated at Dayton have already been audited and no discrepancies that would invalidate the study were found.

With regard to your letter of January 19, 1979, this letter will confirm that according to paragraph 58:31 section D of the GLP regulations, the AROCLOR 1254 which was used in the primate study was "appropriately tested for identity, strength, purity, stability, and uniformity, as applicable". A memorandum dated March 18, 1977, is available in our internal file to confirm this fact and would serve as verification if needed.

I have just received the October 1 to December 31, 1978, draft report on the PCB study and will be in contact with you after I have read it.

Sincerely,

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cc: Linda Adamo, Litton
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