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RALSTON PURINA

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Last fall (October, 1971) Mr. Bill McCollister of the Engineering Department of Ralston Purina called me to ask if the Pydraul fluids contained PCBs. I informed Mr. McCollister that the original Pydraul fluids they used contained major amounts of PCBs and that the reformulated "A" products did not contain PCBs.

McCollister told me Ralston was concerned about PCBs, said they were going to drain numerous Pydraul systems and asked advice on disposal of the drained fluid. I suggested the best method of disposal of PCBs was incineration and that we would be willing to incinerate the fluid at no charge if the various Ralston plants would ship the material to our WGK plant. McCollister expressed appreciation for our cooperation and said he would write a letter to Ralston plants using Pydraul, a list I read to him over the phone from the # 4 IBM run.

In December, McCollister called me again asking if the "A" series Pydraul fluids were in fact free of PCBs. I apologized to him and explained that thru a misunderstanding in our internal communications we in Marketing had just learned that the "A" fluids were not free of PCBs but still contained minor amounts (0.1% to 0.3%) of PCBs as a contaminant but that PCBs were not specifically formulated into the "A" series fluids. He asked if we had substitute products containing no PCBs and I told him we had just decided to reformulate the "A" series products and remove all PCBs. I said we had developed a line of all phosphate ester products called the Pydraul E series and would be phasing these new products in to replace the "A" series products. McCollister said he would again write the plants to inform them of this. We again discussed disposal of PCB fluids and I reiterated our offer of free incineration.

On March 22, 1972 I received a phone call from Dr. Leo Eldridge in the Veterinary Services Department at Ralston telling me a major amount of animal feed had been found to contain PCBs. He said he knew a number of Monsanto products had contained or still contained PCBs and wanted assistance in determining which product had caused

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the PCB contamination. Specifically, he asked if we would reveal what other components (other than PCBs) might be identified in each PCB containing product to characterize which one of our products had leaked into or somehow come into contact with the animal feed. I referred him to Bill Papageorge on this matter for any further information. Eldridge mentioned that the contamination of the feed had occurred at a plant in Maine and after checking the # 4 IBM run, I told him we had no record of Pydraul sales to a Ralston plant in Maine.

After discussing the call from Eldridge with Bill Papageorge, Bill suggested I write a summary of any past discussions with Ralston on the subject of Pydraul. He said that PCBs had been found in some of Ralston's animal feed recently and that discussions on this subject were now going on between Monsanto and Ralston Purina.

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