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Dr. George Roush, Jr.
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Re: PCB's and PBB's

Dear Dr. Roush:

This letter is to confirm our telephone conversation of several weeks ago. My law firm, Mayer, Brown & Platt, represents Velsicol Chemical Company, a defendant in ongoing litigation in the State of Michigan over alleged animal and human injury asserted to have been caused by a polybrominated biphenyl product manufactured by Velsicol.

Several plaintiffs in this litigation have requested that we provide the identity of, and perhaps a copy of, an Industrial Bio-Test Laboratories, Inc., report of a study apparently conducted for Monsanto. This report bears Bio-Test number J-7300 and is dated June 4, 1970. We ask that, if possible, you identify for us the title, the subject matter, and the Bio-Test authors of this report, or, in the alternative, authorize Bio-Test to disclose this information to us. As you recall, in his letter of August 12, 1977, to Mr. L. Roland Roegge with a copy to you, Mr. Fred R. Current, Bio-Test's corporate attorney, directed us to make any such request to you because Bio-Test without your authorization was unable to provide the information to us. I suggest that any letter of authorization be written to Mr. Current.

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Also, we would appreciate any suggestions which you may have as to the identity of doctors or experts who might be able to advise us with respect to any potential human health effects of PBB's, the possibility of their carcinogenicity, and their metabolism in humans and other mammals including the alleged formation of reactive arene oxide intermediates and the covalent binding of those arene oxides with protein macromolecules. Persons with a knowledge of these areas in the context of PCB's would likely be of assistance to us with respect to PBB's. We are also interested in the toxicology of chlorinated or brominated napthalenes and benzenes.

Finally, I suggest that, if convenient for you, we attempt to set up a meeting between defense counsel for Velsicol and counsel or personnel from Monsanto to discuss common litigation problems which we may have in the area of PCB's and PBB's.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Very truly yours,

Harley Hutchins

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cc: Mr. Fred R. Current
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