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Gentlemen:

We represent the Monteagle Silo Company, Monteagle, Tennessee, in connection with a series of claims made against it as a result of their use of Monsanto's arochlor-1254. Your records will reveal that our client has purchased a substantial quantity of arochlor-1254 over the past several years for use in coating the interiors of concrete stave silos.

We understand you are already aware that various governmental agencies have determined that your product contaminates silage, which results in possible injury to livestock and, more important, contamination of the milk obtained from such livestock. Enclosed for your file on this matter are copies of letters sent by the State of Alabama Pesticide Residue Laboratory and the State of Georgia Agriculture Department, Dairy Division, which are self-explanatory.

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It appears that the only method for correcting this problem is to empty the silo, sandblast the interior and re-plaster. We believe that if these claims are handled quickly, the problem will be resolved at the least cost. We are prepared to work with you to amicably resolve these claims, but it should be understood that the financial burden is properly borne by the Monsanto Company. You will also understand that our client's business reputation, future profits and its very existence depends on Monsanto's prompt action, and we therefore urge you to give this matter your immediate attention.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

Edward S. Silber

EDWARD S. SILBER

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cc: Monteagle Silo Company

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Monteagle Silo Company
Monteagle, Tennessee

Attention Mr. Boswell

Gentlemen:

Regarding the contamination of silage with P.B.C. from your silos, I appreciate what you did for the Carlton Brothers silo at Rockmart, but so far nothing has been done for the Progressive Land Development Company (Old McCorkle Dairy), Leesburg, and the two silos at R. M. Patterson Dairy, Douglasville, Georgia.

The lining of these silos is causing a high P.B.C. count in the silage of these producers and it is imperative that these silos be fixed as soon as possible as the silage season begins this month.

Effective this date, no silage can be put into these silos without first having proper treatment, if the silage is to be fed to cows for production of Grade A milk.

I think we have given you an ample length of time to correct these silos. I would appreciate your immediate attention and intention. Please give me a reply to this letter within 10 days.

Yours truly,

Gene Dally

Gene Dally
Assistant Division Director-Milk

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cc: Progressive Land Development
Mr. R. M. Patterson

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