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Dear Dr. Olcott:

I appreciate your continuing interest in PCB's and your comment relating to the continued belief among some scientists that Monsanto is withholding other PCB information in addition to the production figures.

To the best of my knowledge and belief Monsanto has shared its PCB experience openly in every regard except for the production information. I am pleased to attach a copy of a Monsanto press release relating to the reporting of production data to the Department of Commerce. In addition we are willing to discuss in considerable detail with concerned scientists the significance of these numbers regarding the impact of PCB on the environment.

The presence of PCB's in poultry in Minnesota has not been definitely explained primarily because the source of contamination has been removed. All heat transfer systems which could have contributed have been drained and the fluid replaced with a non-PCB material. No one has yet admitted that his product was the source.

A repeat of the rice bran oil incident can be avoided by the elimination of PCB heat transfer fluids in food related systems. This approach is the one Monsanto is following.

The cause of "Yusho" disease has not been definitely attributed to PCB. Chlorinated dibenso furans or dioxins could have been present and could cause the observed symptoms. The FDA, among others, is still investigating this possibility.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

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