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Mr. Pat McLain
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations
of the Committee on Interstate and
Foreign Commerce
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. McLain:

Your request to Mr. Sam Pickard of our Washington office for additional information on PCB research was passed on to me.

The work being done for Monsanto that was briefly referred to in our report of November 16, 1979, is underway at two locations:

At the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, research is being done on the biodegradation of PCBs by cytochrome P_{450} enzyme systems and through other methods. The principal investigator is Prof. George M. Whitesides.

The second effort is at the New York University Medical Center's Institute of Environmental Medicine. Under Prof. Merril Eisenbud, associate director of the Institute, work is being done to find fungi and anaerobic bacteria which biodegrade PCBS.

I hope this information is of help.

Sincerely,

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cc: Prof. Merril Eisenbud
Prof. George M. Whitesides

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Mr. Sam Pickard

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