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6th October, 1971.

Mr. P. G. Benignus,
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Dear Paul,

It is a long time since we corresponded and I hope that during this period you have continued to enjoy the best of good health and increasing success in finding alternatives to chlorinated diphenyls for use in the electrical industry. If you have any information on the latest complaints which are being uttered by official bodies with regard to pollution of the environment by PCB's I would be interested to receive details.

We have, of course, acquired some information with regard to your magic new impregnant for capacitors known as "MONSANTO FLUID 1043". We understand that this liquid impregnant is the answer to all our technological problems for the future but, nevertheless, we would like to have some additional data.

In particular, do you have any technical brochures which describe its properties and give details of the usual range such as permittivity, viscosity, vapour pressure, boiling point, wetting angle against polypropylene and polyethylene, sensitivity to light, toxicity, biodegradability and oxidation resistance?

I hope that in asking for information on the above properties I am not straining your Organisation too far, but I have no doubt your resources are extensive and would survive any such modest constraint!

It seems a very long time since we last met. Everytime I look at my driver standing forlornly in the corner (I never use it nowadays), I think of our game of golf at Dulwich and hope that one day we may repeat the exercise on one side of the Atlantic or the other.

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I regret not having been able to attend the last two IEC meetings of SC.10B, but they have been held at either awkward times or distant places such as Tehran. However, I hope that you may be contemplating a visit to Paris next year to attend CIGRE in which case we may meet. I certainly hope that you are planning to attend the 1972 Conference and that amongst your commitments you are providing for personal gracing of SC.15.WG.02 "Askarels", where the Chairman would be delighted to have your support.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

E. H. Reynolds,
Research Manager.

CC: KWP.

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