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Ralston Purina Company

July 11, 1973

Mr. John F. Stapleton, Esq.
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800 N. Lindbergh Blvd.
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Dear Mr. Stapleton:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 6, 1973, together with enclosures.

Your suggestion that we accept $5,000 in compromise of our claim for damages which we have suffered as the result of the delivery of Pydrauls containing polychlorinated biphenyls is not acceptable. We do not understand the refusal of Monsanto to state the basis on which Monsanto feels that the Ralston claim is not well founded. We have tried to be candid in sharing facts with you. We have provided evidence from an independent third party that the 3rd generation Pydrauls contained polychlorinated biphenyls. If, as you allege, the materials are free of polychlorinated biphenyls, then I have extreme difficulty in understanding Monsanto's refusal to give Ralston full credit for unopened containers. Finally, the release is entirely too broad in that, among other things, it covers products for which no claim has been made.

Again, it is my suggestion that our claim of $8,049.88 should be paid in full and that the release should cover only the specific products which caused our loss. I would appreciate an opportunity to discuss these suggestions with you.

Very truly yours

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