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Emmet Kelly, M.D.
Medical Director
Monsanto Chemical Co.
1700 South 2nd Street
St. Louis 4, Mo.

My dear Doctor Kelly:

On 16 June 1955 this Bureau forwarded a request to Doctor Harold C. Hodge, Chairman, National Research Council, Committee on Toxicology for an evaluation of Monsanto's hydraulic fluid, Pydraul 150.

In his letter to this Bureau dated 18 August 1955 Doctor Hodge pointed out that (1) it is inadvisable for the National Research Council, Committee on Toxicology to make a statement about any material, the composition of which is completely unknown to it, and (2) that it would be improper to offer an opinion based merely on a summary of information prepared by the company.

It would therefore be appreciated by this Bureau if the Monsanto Chemical Company would make available to Doctor Hodge the composition of Pydraul 150, and original toxicity data which may have been accumulated on this product. Please be assured that all information provided will be treated as "Commerically Discreet." Dr. Hodge's address is Harold C. Hodge, Ph.D., The University of Rochester, 260 Crittenden Boulevard, Rochester 20, New York.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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