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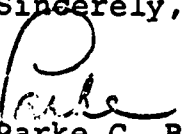
Mr. E. S. Bauer
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Dear Ed:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have just received from Lou McLean. Lou was with Velsicol for a long time and was their in-house counsel and Corporate Secretary. He is a virtual walking encyclopedia in the fish-wildlife-pollution problem areas of our industry.

I heard Dr. Risebrough on December 11 here in Washington at a symposium at the Smithsonian Institute refer to PCBs and their probable adverse effect upon the environment.

Sincerely,

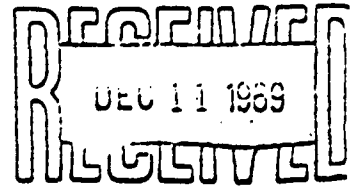

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Mr. Parke C. Brinkley
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Dear Parke,

You may wish to send this letter, or a copy, to Monsanto. I do not know to whom the information should be sent. And it is barely possible this information is not known to them.

In a six-page-plus, single-spaced letter dated November 22nd addressed to Deans Linsley and Zivnуска of the Berkeley campus, Robert Risebrough, a trustee or director of the Environmental Defense Fund, writes:

"You will note in the list of publications that most of my work over the past two years has been with a class of industrial pollutants that are now contaminating the environment and which pose a more serious long term problem than any of the insecticide derivatives. One of the papers that I hope to finish this next week concerns their detection and identification in human milk. If these compounds should prove harmful to man, our marine fisheries will be wiped out overnight. Unlike the cyclamates, we will not be able to take them from the shelves, since they are everywhere. The environmental pollution problem has suddenly become very serious. When the extent of environmental contamination by these compounds becomes more generally known, there will be another round of hearings and requests for information. It will probably be my luck at that time to be associated with a College of Chemical Engineering where there will be political problems comparable to those I am now encountering in the College of Agriculture as a result of my work with DDT. And there will be an equivalent to Dr. "...working for the Monsanto Company." etc.

As you know, Risebrough has attributed the manufacture of all PCBs to Monsanto. At the Wisconsin Hearings he demonstrated close touch with English sources. The clipping from today's Chicago Tribune thus suggests material Risebrough can be expected to parrot. And he can be expected to argue that the PCBs cause the same results he has attributed to DDT.

If this is new information, I thought Monsanto would like to know.

Sincerely yours,

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STUDY EFFECT OF CHEMICALS IN IRISH SEA

(Chicago Tribune Press Service)

LONDON, Dec. 8—Scientific teams investigating the deaths of seals, sea birds, and fish off Britain's west coast, have started research on chemicals dumped in the Irish sea.

One chemical under close scrutiny is polychlorinated biphenyls, a synthetic lubricant used in the paint and plastics industry, which until recently was not thought to have any toxic effect on wildlife.

Research by the nature conservancy's Huntingdonshire experimental station showed that thousands of sea birds found dead along the west coast six weeks ago contained large quantities of the chemical.

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