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Dear Mr. Gubar:

Mr. Schalk has asked me to reply to your letter of August 25 concerning Monsanto's withdrawal of polychlorinated biphenyls from the market.

I have enclosed a list of literature references and a discussion of the question of the persistence of polychlorinated biphenyls as environmental contaminants. There are also two summaries, one dealing with chronic toxicity studies and the other with biodegradation.

This material will indicate that we are withdrawing Aroclor 1262 from the market, not because of any possible health or safety hazards to industrial employees but because of the growing evidence that the higher chlorinated polychlorinated biphenyls do escape to and persist in the environment.

Very truly yours,

Elmer P. Wheeler
Manager, Environmental Health

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