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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND INVESTIGATIONS
OF THE
COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

October 24, 1979

Mr. John W. Hanley
President
Monsanto
800 North Lindbergh Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63166

Dear Mr. Hanley:

Pursuant to Rules X and XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations is conducting an inquiry into the potential health hazards posed by Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB's) and the Environmental Protection Agency's implementation of the ban on the manufacturing, distribution, and use of PCBs. In that regard, we ask that you, as a former producer and distributor of PCBs, supply answers to the following questions and copies of all documents described in them.

1. What has been the history of Monsanto in the production and distribution of PCBs? When did that production and distribution commence and when did it cease? What were the reasons for such cessation?

2. What information did Monsanto possess, and when did it come into such possession, as to the possible health hazard associated with PCBs. Please distinguish between information developed internally and that obtained externally.

3. What action was taken by Monsanto, in each instance, in response to information indicating a possible health hazard associated with PCBs. Please provide documentation of that action.

4. Did Monsanto maintain a list of purchasers of PCB products? If so, for what purpose was it maintained?

5. What efforts, if any, has Monsanto taken to notify prior customers as to the possible hazards associated with PCBs, or to assist in the disposal of PCBs? Please provide all documentation which reflects such notice or assistance.

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6. What method did Monsanto employ to dispose of PCB byproducts while engaged in the business of PCB production and what methods were employed to dispose of PCB stocks after the cessation of production? Where were those products and byproducts disposed?

We would appreciate receiving your response by November 9, 1979. Any additional information you deem relevant would be welcome.

Thank you for your cooperation with the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,

Bob Eckhardt
Chairman
Subcommittee on
Oversight and Investigations

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