July 28, 1970

Mr. William Herman, Buyer
Koppers Company, Incorporated
Koppers Building
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219

Dear Mr. Herman:

In your letter dated July 17, 1970 you requested additional information on the contribution of polychlorobiphenyls in paints to contamination of the environment.

In addition to the Ohio milk incident, we have received reports of PCB's being present in milk in Georgia and Florida. In every case silo paints are involved. We also have reports that oysters off the east coast of Georgia contain PCB. We suspect the source to be paint formulators along the Savanah River. These are the only incidents involving paints we are aware of.

Monsanto's action regarding the withdrawal of Aroclors from specific applications was based on a number of incidents, all of which indicated that any application which could not be controlled would eventually create problems.

Our fears regarding the Ohio incident were confirmed. On July 8, 1970 Monsanto Company received a summons as co-defendent in a lawsuit filed by the dairy producer in Ohio seeking damages exceeding $500,000.

This is the type of situation Monsanto is attempting to avoid.

Sincerely,

W. B. Papageorge
Manager
Environmental Control

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