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Mr. C. Munat
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Dear Mr. Munat:

A copy of your October 13, 1975 publication has come to my attention. In the science section, page 6, you have stated, "Too many PCBs can cause a person to get a deadly disease called cancer."

This statement has no basis in fact. The only study that has ever suggested even a possible link between PCBs and human cancer was reported by Mobil Oil Corporation last month, and even Mobil has said for the record that its study is very preliminary and emphasizes that a link between PCBs and cancer has not been established.

As the sole U.S. producer of these compounds, Monsanto employes have been exposed to far more PCBs and over a greater period of time than anyone else. We have done a worker health study of these PCB production employes and have found nothing to suggest a link between PCBs and human cancer.

We submit that there are enough real and documented concerns about the environmental problems that PCBs pose without unnecessarily alarming the public and, in particular, the youth of this country with inaccurate information regarding human health problems that, thankfully, do not exist.

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We strongly recommend that, in the future, your publication be very careful when it comes to the use of highly emotional words like cancer.

I've enclosed some background information on PCBs which you may find useful in future discussions.

Thank you.

Cordially,

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