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DATE June 28, 1963

SUBJECT Czarnecki, et al versus
Monsanto and Drakenfeld

REFERENCE :

TO : Dr. R. E. Kelly
A-2-S

We currently have twelve law suits filed against us and the Drakenfeld Company by individuals claiming a hepatitis condition upon exposure to our Aroclor 4465. We have been served an interrogatory to answer concerning various properties of Aroclor 4465 and, basically, what we have done through the years to investigate and publish in the way of warnings to people who will be using the material.

I would appreciate you, and Research, by way of this memo, examining your files on Aroclor 4465 through the years to determine the following.

- 1) Was a study made by Monsanto before we marketed Aroclor 4465, to determine whether or not Aroclor compounds could cause injury or disease to workers in industry.
- 2) Have we done these same things at any time after we began marketing Aroclor 4465?
- 3) Before Aroclor 4465 was marketed, did we request and receive the opinion of any medical doctor or doctors, as to whether or not Aroclor compounds could cause injury or disease to workers in industry?
- 4) Have we had any claims made against us in which the claimant asserted that the use of Aroclor compounds caused him or her to suffer injury or disease?

As you can see from the questions, obtaining the answers will mean going back into the files as long as we have made Aroclor 4465. I would appreciate your comments as to actions which were done, by whom, and copies of these actions if possible. Please call me or Walt Waychoff if we can give you any additional clarification of this request.

Thank you very much.


H. J. Seppala

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FILE	✓
DEPT	
JTS	
WHH	✓
MNJ	✓
REK	
RAM	
EPW	✓

If you wish the exact chapter and verse type answers to the questions you ask in your memorandum of June 28, you are correct that this would take quite a bit of going back in the files. I am giving the following answers from my own experience with the Aroclors and if you wish otherwise, let me know.

- 1) I have no recollection or no record that we carried out any studies by Monsanto on Aroclor 4465 before it was marketed in order to determine whether it would cause injury or disease to workers in industry.
- 2) We have repeatedly carried out studies on various Aroclors and have extrapolated these findings to Aroclor 4465.
- 3) I have no recollection or no record that we requested the opinion of any medical doctor or doctors on Aroclor 4465 before it was marketed in order to determine whether it would cause injury or disease to workers in industry.
- 4) The Medical Department has no record of claims against us in which the claim asserted that the use of Aroclor compound caused the claimant to suffer injury or disease. We do know of cases where people developed chloracne or liver problems from injudicious use of Aroclor. I would have no knowledge, however, as to whether any actual claims were filed. Obviously, this would be in our Legal Department.

I am a little confused by your last paragraph. Certainly there have been many memoranda to individuals in the company and outside, regarding the safe use of Aroclors. I do not believe you want a copy of each one of these. I would suggest you come over and look at our files.

R. Emmet Kelly, M. D.

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