December 7, 1977

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Re: Polychlorinated Biphenyls

Dear Mr. Hutchins:

Your letter of November 1, 1977, addressed to Dr. George Roush of our Medical Department, has been referred to me for reply.

You have requested information concerning a study undertaken in 1970 by Industrial Bio-Test Laboratories. Because of the dissimilarity between polychlorinated biphenyls and polybrominated biphenyls, we would suggest that this report would be of only marginal significance in your litigation and that it might, in fact, be misleading. Accordingly, we feel rather strongly that you should disclose this report to the plaintiff or make other use of it only with extreme reluctance and with an awareness of the potentially misleading effects that might result. Nonetheless, so that you can evaluate for yourself the relevance of this study, we enclose a ~~copy herewith.~~ at summary request.

The dissimilarities between polychlorinated biphenyls and polybrominated biphenyls are such that we feel that it is inappropriate to recommend expert witnesses for your litigation. We do not in any event have a panel or list of experts in this field, and believe that you are in a better position than we are to evaluate the particular requirements of your litigation.

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At this time, I do not believe that it would be in the interests of Monsanto to meet as you suggested.

Very truly yours,

Jay R. Gentry Ortiz
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Enclosure - 1 Report, June 4, 1970, IBT #J7300

cc: David Moore, Esq.
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George Roush, M.D.

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