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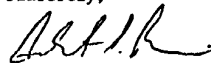
Dear Mr. Weber:

Upon your request, we are sending you this letter which is a request for permission to utilize prior Monsanto data on PCB's collected around your Anniston plant between 1968-1975. Currently, we are conducting field and laboratory investigations on the translocation and environmental control of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB's). Enclosed is a copy of the abstract on half-life of PCB's in fish, a xerox of the slides to be used, a draft of Ms. Vitter's thesis on fish collected near your plant, a copy of your data being utilized (no lipid data was used in this study), and a copy of SFI internal review of our project.

This assessment of your original and our subsequent data indicated even a greater drop in PCB's (Aroclor's 1254 and 1260) than had been reported to you before. The half-life of these stable PCB mixtures was in the less than 2½ years instead of the speculated 50 to 100 years. However, this half-life information cannot be published unless we receive permission from your company to use your data in our analysis. By permission to use your data Tulane hopes to give Monsanto some invaluable information on the effect of PCB's in the environment.

I apologize to Monsanto for submitting this abstract without your approval but feel that the resulting observations will benefit both Tulane and Monsanto. Thank you for your time and review. If you have any questions feel free to contact me (504-588-5374) at your convenience.

Sincerely,



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