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Ralston Purina Company

Agricultural Products Group

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Mr. Richard A. Stohr, Attorney
Monsanto Chemical Building
800 North Lindbergh Blvd.
St. Louis, Missouri 63166

Dear Dick -

The following is a list of the damages claimed by Purina as the result of the PCB contamination of fish meal discovered in July, 1971. This information should be useful in our discussions if we can agree, for settlement purposes, that Monsanto may have liability in connection with our claim.

1.	Chows returned from dealers (Dealer price)	$98,651.88
2.	Trucking and freight incurred on returned Chows	6,632.61
3.	Chow in plants - Inventory 470 tons	84,600.00
4.	Expense incurred in laboratory analyses	19,857.00
5.	Cost of disposition of Chows - returned and inventory	9,913.03
6.	Profit on lost business 8,951 tons x 15.99 per ton	143,126.00
7.	Claims paid: Ralph Bridges, Lexington, Georgia Dr. Hargis, Tulsa, Oklahoma	 8,163.67 280.00
8.	Claims pending: Wallace Hatchery, St. Petersburg, Florida	 1,172.88
9.	Miscellaneous Charge (Delmar)	640.48
		$373,037.55

As you know we have delayed filing our action for actual and punitive damages in order that we might explore the possibility of amicable disposition with Monsanto. We have been advised that there is a Statute of Limitations problem regarding another

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prospective defendant, and therefore we will be unable to delay filing our action beyond next week.

We have, of course, developed substantial background information on our damages and if it appears there is a likelihood of working with you on our claim, such information will be shared with you.

Very truly yours,

RALSTON PURINA COMPANY

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Counsel

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cc: Mr. J. A. Fraser - 9T

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