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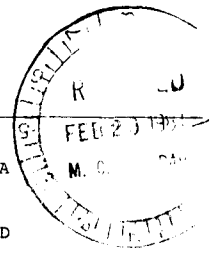
DATE: February 20, 1981

SUBJECT: CMA SPECIAL PROJECT - PCB'S/ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND (EDF) LAWSUIT

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Monsanto, through Phocion Park and me, has been actively participating in the CMA CRAC committee efforts to help resolve the Appeals Court decision in the EDF/EPA PCB lawsuit. To date, we have expended considerable effort and funds (primarily for travel to Washington) since October, 1980.

It is my understanding that CMA will transfer this project from the CRAC committee to a Special Projects Group (SPAG committee). As a consequence, the project will then be funded by assessment of SPAG participants. Additional costs are estimated in the $200M range. Depending on how broadly costs are allocated, Monsanto and other participants would have to pay a share estimated to be at least $10M, plus travel costs, adding another $10M or more in 1981.

I have been requested to attend a meeting Tuesday, February 24, at CMA to make a commitment and serve on the SPAG committee.

Therefore, I have reviewed the funds available in my budget for PCB Surveillance. There are no more funds available and travel costs are approaching over budget already.

This is a very important issue that will affect Monsanto totally. As you know, costs of removing "enclosed" electrical equipment from food-, feed- and related plants alone have been estimated conservatively at $25M. However, present funds are budgeted for higher priority issues (i.e., Outboard Marine litigation support).

I have no choice but to inform CMA that MIC will not be able to participate and share funding in the SPAG project. Therefore, you, as representative to the CRAC committee, should determine immediately if the Corporation will take a different position.

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