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Dear Dr. Visek:

Enclosed are the status reports of our two year chronic feeding studies on rats and dogs of our Aroclors 1242, 1254 and 1260. Attached to this letter is a summary of the data.

In connection with the rat reproduction studies, there has been no effect with any of the three compounds in the animals fed 1 and 10 parts per million. At this point there is some equivocal possible effect at 100 ppm. The studies have been completed through the first litters of the second generation.

I understand you asked Mr. Bryant for copies of the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports recommending the use of the polychlorinated biphenyls to extend the effectiveness of certain chlorinated hydrocarbon insecticides. The use of the polychlorinated biphenyls in this application never developed to any extant. In spite of this we have recently asked the U. S. Department of Agriculture to discontinue registration of the polychlorinated biphenyls in insecticide formulations.

If you are still interested in seeing copies of the research effort under the sponsorship of the USDA in the early 1950's, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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