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c. R. G. Powell
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Dear Mr. Powell:

My Brandenburger asked that I send you some information regarding the alleged threat to wildlife by polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB). I presume your questions relate to the story which appeared in the February 24 issue of the San Francisco Chronicle.

Unfortunately, the deadline on the writer did not permit Monsanto's reply to appear in this story. Attached is a statement with some facts which should have been presented.

As you may know, a number of scientists are studying several types of residues which appear in our environment; this primarily involves DDT pesticides. Of course the commercial aspect of such studies is unknown at present. The involvement of PCB is an even more marginal matter. We have some doubt that Dr. Risenbrough properly identified the residues and would seriously question how that amount of commercially reduced PCB could appear in the environment.

At this stage, we do not believe these reports pose any serious implications for Monsanto. These initial scientific studies will have to be evaluated extensively before the complete truth of the matter is known.

Sincerely,

Tom C. Ford
Manager
Divisional Public Relations

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