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Mr. D. J. Forrestal
Mr. J. E. McKee
~~Mr. J. J. Spano~~

Mr. E. V. John

to: Ed John
this has all
the makings of one
hellaver story if word
ever got out. I imagine
you've thought through
what we'll say if
the press calls
John Spano

As I discussed with you, Dick McGee, an aid to Mayor A. J. Cervantes and a former radio-TV news reporter, called me regarding the death of some prized black horses that may have been caused by the chemical PCB.

Dick is a member of a group of Shriners from Moolah Temple who have leased property near Fenton, Mo., where they keep their black horses which they ride in various parades, including the VP Parade.

Although this group is made up of Shriners (250 members) and a person must be a Shriner in order to be a member, it is not to be confused with the Mounted Lancers.

In any event, a few months ago several of their horses became ill and they had a postmortem performed on one of the animals that died. The postmortem was performed at the University of Missouri.

A written report states the horse died of a poison not unlike PCB. The symptoms were loss of hair, loss of weight, enlarged liver. The death of this horse occurred a couple of months after the group had soil tests taken which showed seven parts per million PCB.

Inasmuch as the University postmortem now <u>suspects</u> PCB, the group is asking Monsanto for the following:

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1. Would Monsanto send a scientist to the farm to get some adequate soil samples and test them for PCB.

2. If PCB is found in the soil samples, make recommendations as to what can be done to get rid of PCB.

I know Dick McGee fairly well and I don't believe he or his group are thinking of any legal responsibility on behalf of Monsanto. However, they are very concerned about their prized horses and would like our cooperation in helping solve the problem.

I told Dick I would get back to him no later than the first of next week.

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