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Dear Mr. Mason:

During our telephone conversation of a few days ago I promised that we would supply you with a list of questions concerning production, distribution and loss of polychlorinated biphenyls. These questions reflect areas where Government agencies feel they need to be informed in order to make proper judgements and decisions. The object, of course, is to derive a materials balance type of estimate of the amounts of PCB's produced over a period of time in the past, of the ways in which these families of compounds were used and distributed, and the degree to which they were probably contained or not contained by virtue of their various uses. On this last point, it appears that some of the steps taken by Monsanto in the last several months should tend to increase the extent to which these materials were contained and to decrease their loss into the environment. To the extent that this might be documented or estimated quantitatively, it would be of great assistance in making judgements. Accordingly, the attached list of questions includes several which attempt to make an indirect estimate of past losses through the use of other figures. In some cases you may find yourself with very little information. To the extent that your company can be of assistance, you can be assured that this information will be of great service to the Government in its deliberations.

Sincerely,

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