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FILE NO. 3710

John F. Stapleton, Esquire
Director of Law
Monsanto Industrial Chemical Company
800 North Lindbergh Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63166

Dear Mr. Stapleton:

You will recall that we prepared a letter/notice which was sent to Monteagle's customers on November 26, 1971. Enclosed for your ready reference is a copy of the final version of this letter.

We are pleased to report that to date Monteagle received only nine letters concerning this problem, copies of which are enclosed herewith. You will notice a number of the letters ask specific questions concerning appropriate corrective action and inquire as to who will assume financial responsibility for the costs of such corrections.

We would appreciate receiving any suggestion you have for an appropriate reply to these inquiries. We would also appreciate learning whether Monsanto is willing to reimburse Monteagle for the costs of such corrective action. Although we cannot place an exact figure on such costs, it appears they will be relatively minor.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Silber

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Enclosures

EDWARD S. SILBER

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cc: Franklin C. Rehfeld, Esquire

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SECOND REVISED DRAFT

November , 1971

Dear Customer:

Our records show that our Company constructed a silo on your farm in the year 196_. We were pleased to have had the opportunity to serve you because we value your patronage, and we hope that your Monteagle silo has been an asset to you. However, we are writing you because we are concerned about the coating which was used to seal the plaster joints in the interior of your silo. That coating contains an ingredient called polychlorinated biphenyl.

Some state agencies have taken the position that the polychlorinated biphenyl contaminates the silage, or at least is a potential contaminant. However, we have received other information which indicates that the amount of polychlorinated biphenyl likely to get into cows' milk from our product is not harmful. We are not certain which of these points of view is correct, but we do want to inform our valuable customers, such as you, about the matter. We also recommend that you have a sample of your silo coating and a sample of any silage you may be storing in your silo analyzed for polychlorinated biphenyl content by a qualified laboratory.

Very truly yours,

MONTEAGLE SILO COMPANY, INC.

Charles Boswell, President

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