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Mr. Larry Halter
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Dear Mr. Halter:

In reply to your letter requesting more information on PCB, I am enclosing some reprints of articles which have appeared this year and which I believe put this environmental issue is proper perspective.

You are correct in questioning the alarmist nature of recent news reports about this chemical. I am enclosing a statement read by Dr. Charles C. Edwards of the U.S. Food & Drug Administration, who was also concerned. At a press briefing on September 29, Dr. Edwards explained the problem and what is being done about it, to newsmen.

PCB is an industrial chemical used primarily in heavy-duty electrical equipment. A few years ago, scientists discovered it was persisting in the environment -- that is it was slow to degrade. When this first came to light, Monsanto undertook a program to control its use and, therefore, its escape into the environment.

I hope this material will be helpful in your effort to better understand PCB and its place in our society.

Sincerely,

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