Litton BIONETICS

5516 Nicholson Lane Kensington Maryland 20795 301 881 5600

November 17, 1977

Dr. James G. Laveglia
Senior Toxicologist
Monsanto Company
800 North Lindbergh Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63166

Dear Dr. Laveglia:

Enclosed is a draft copy of the second interim report on the study entitled "Effects of a PCB on the Reproductive Performance of the Rhesus Monkey (Macaca mulatta)," which Litton Bionetics, Inc., is conducting for the Monsanto Company. In lieu of instructions to the contrary, we have based the second report format on that of the first.

Because you became associated with the program after the submission of the first report, I would like to reiterate that it was submitted in draft form in order to allow the Monsanto Company to suggest changes in format. If the report format is acceptable to you, please let us know so that we may submit the formal, finalized reports for this as well as the last report period.

I also want to bring to your attention the fact that the shipment schedule of test compound to us is not working as planned. As Table 2, Appendix A in the report indicates, the compound for the next month always arrives just before it is scheduled to be used or later. This results in our having to hold back the compound in use in order to have backup available. In other words while the study plan is being carried out as scheduled, the backup plan has not been working as designed.

Finally, I am curious as to what levels of PCB's are being accumulated in the body fat. My understanding is that the fat samples which we have sent to you have not yet been analyzed. Are these scheduled to be done on an interim basis or at the conclusion of the study? If the results could be obtained and made available to us, I think that their inclusion in the interim reports would give the reader a better picture of the status of the study.

Please call should you have any questions. We would welcome the opportunity of your visiting with us to observe the animals and discuss the progress of the study.

Sincerely,

David P. Martin, V.M.D.
Director
Laboratory Animal Medicine & Science

DPM:la
Enclosure

MONS 002968