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Dear Dr. Oleske:

I am writing to you at this time to express my frustration and disappointment in the Northwestern University Medical School and in the way the Monsanto Krummrich Study is being conducted. Please note the following:

1. You sent me a letter dated February 10 inviting me to participate in a study of worker health in the chemical industry. When I heard nothing from you, I wrote to you on March 19.

2. On March 25, I received a call from one of your staff scheduling me for April 21.

Please bear in mind that to this point, there was no mention of the fact that this study was restricted to people who actually worked at the Krummrich Plant. I was not told how you obtained my name; for all I knew, you were considering dependents of workers in this study.

3. On April 1, I received yet another call from a different person who described the arduous task she had experienced in trying to locate me. In response to her question of how long I had worked at Monsanto, I replied that I had never worked there. She said that if this was true, I could not be a participant, but she would call to confirm this.

4. On April 2, I received still another call from yet another person who said I could not participate in the program since I never worked for Monsanto.

I find this entire situation to be most disturbing. Not only were your original records incorrect, but had you given sufficient information in your February 10 letter, it would have been evident from the start that the project was limited in scope. Too, had your staff asked the correct questions in the initial call, the matter could have been clarified and resolved then.

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You see, at no time did I represent that I had worked at Monsanto. As I mentioned in my letter of March 19, it was my father who had worked there, not I. For this reason, I am troubled by the fact that three of my evenings were interrupted by calls related to this project and that the caller on April 1 insinuated that I had deliberately misled Northwestern and Monsanto by trying to participate in a study for which I was ineligible since I had never worked for Monsanto.

I am also disturbed by the fact that I rearranged my schedule and moved meetings and appointments in order to fit your schedule. I cannot help but wonder what would have happened had the April 1 call never come and I had reported to the testing site as requested.

I would probably have gone through the testing program, and the results of the study would have been inaccurate. In a call that I made to the safety office at the Krummrich Plant last week, I learned that Monsanto has been experiencing similar problems with others.

Something is drastically wrong when an institution like Northwestern cannot sort out relatively simple data in order to avoid problems like this. If this happens with respect to getting the correct names, then I shudder to think about the accuracy of the data in the study itself.

If I were associated with Monsanto, I would think long and hard about cooperating with or engaging the Northwestern University Medical School for future work. If I were a stockholder, I would conclude that Monsanto management had run the risk of wasting over a million dollars to obtain data that is at best questionable.

At the very least, Monsanto should engage one of the Big Eight accounting firms to investigate the veracity of the data and the means by which it is being collected. This might give some credibility to what otherwise appears to be a very poorly organized study.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Mr. Jack Malloy
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Mr. Richard Mahoney

P.S. If the above information is not sufficient, and further information is needed by way of clarification, please feel free to call me at my office in St. Louis:

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