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FROM (NAME & LOCATION) St. Louis

DATE March 7, 1969 CC

SUBJECT

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TO : Dr. R. Emmet Kelly

Dear Emmet:

The Aroclor pot is really boiling. Monte Throdahl asked me to have lunch with him today to give him the background as to what the whole problem is about. He said he might call me Monday morning to give a 15 minute presentation to the Corporate Development Committee. He thought that he could probably answer questions that might arise but told me to be prepared.

Bill Richard and I were at Calandra's yesterday and the proposals from Joe on the various studies are to be undertaken posthaste, including the two-year chronics in rats and dogs. We are to have a meeting, possibly before you return, of those involved here in St. Louis, Joe Calandra, and one or two of his people, with perhaps as many as three consultants who are already retained by Monsanto for either Ag Division or NED projects. These include entomologists and enzyme specialists from the University of Illinois, Marquette, and possibly Harvard.

The intent is to select someone from the university who can serve as an objective spokesman on this whole problem and with contacts not intimately related to Monsanto or Industrial Bio-Test.

I have enclosed a copy of the final form of the PR release that was developed last week. This has been sent to 21 Monsanto customers over my signature. I was not asked as to whether or not I should sign such a release but guess that Bergen or Minckler decided that I should. They had the letters typed and brought over here for signing.

In terms of "goals" or "objectives" Joe Neff told me today that the solid wastes bunch in Washington have been asked to consider financing part of the cost of our proposed combination steam boiler/incinerator for plastic wastes at Port Plastics. The Cincinnati office of the solid wastes program has already indicated that they thought the project was worthy of U. S. Financial support.

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On the second item I have contacted Leo Weaver and expect to meet with him Monday morning.

I guess that's all of the important news. We sure hope you are enjoying your trip, which in Mr. Nixon's terms is a "working trip," not "ceremonial."

Come Home!!

E. P. Wheeler

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