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SUBJECT : IN-PLACE RETIREMENT
REFERENCE :
TO : Mr. R. C. O'Sullivan

cc: Messrs.
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The Monsanto Industrial Chemicals Company requests approval to retire the following production facility in-place in October, 1972 with dismantling to be carried out at a later date:

<u>Retirement Request No.</u>	<u>Facility & Plant</u>	<u>Gross Asset Value</u>	<u>Book Value</u>	<u>Status</u>
3959	Aroclor Facilities- Anniston	\$3979M	\$1824M	Approved by Bd. of Directors 8/24/72

Monsanto began curtailing the marketing of Aroclors in 1970 and is now serving only the electrical market. As a result, sales requirements have been reduced to a level that require operation of only one of Monsanto's two Aroclor producing units (Anniston & W. G. Krummrich). The W. G. Krummrich Aroclor facility was selected for the continued production of Aroclors due to:

1. age of facility
2. presence of a fractionation column which produces a more biodegradeable product
3. waste treatment capability
4. geographical location in relation to customers

The Anniston unit is idle and no further use for the facilities by Monsanto is foreseen.

Monsanto is negotiating with prospective buyers for the sale of a number of equipment items. Leaving the unit in-place affords a showcase which will facilitate efforts should a disposal opportunity develop.

The Aroclor facilities at Anniston should be retired now since they are no longer in operation. However, dismantling should be deferred pending the outcome of negotiations for equipment disposal.

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