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Dear Mr. Marion:

In response to your letter of July 21st on our discussion of the Aroclor products, it is Monsanto's policy to keep our customers informed on the information we have on the acceptability of our products. As far as what information was or was not provided to Outboard Marine I don't know other than to comment that I believe they were given whatever information that was available at that time. There would have been no reason not to.

To give you more background on Monsanto's involvement and action with the Polychlorinated Biphenyls, enclosed is a paper "A Risk/Benefit Dilemma that we published in August 1976. In here we state that in 1970 Monsanto voluntarily began its program of terminating sales of PCBs to open applications -- those which could likely result in losses to the environment.

Monsanto discontinued the production of PCBs in July of 1977 and shut down its incinerator shortly thereafter. The incinerator was designed to handle the waste we generated from the production of the Aroclor products and to help our customers. It was never designed to handle the type of waste people are now wanting to dispose of. To my knowledge there are no chemical waste processing facilities in the state of Missouri. In fact, the EPA has only approved three sites for the disposal of PCBs. These are Waste Management of Alabama Inc., Livingston Alabama; Chem-Nuclear Systems Inc., Portland Oregon; and, Wes-Con Inc., Twin Falls, Idaho. There are several in Illinois that are waiting for EPA approval.

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Thanks for the information on the Federation. It helped to better understand your activities.

Sincerely,

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