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SUBJECT Biological Studies on Choccolocco Creek

REFERENCE

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Wildlife

Joe Landwehr has requested that I send you the last three reports from outside consultants with whom we have contracted to study Choccolocco Creek. The first of these reports is from Dr. Denzel Ferguson and covers the period from late 1966 to August or September of 1967. This study was conducted primarily to gather evidence for use in Monsanto's defense in the then pending lawsuit. The second and third reports cover the periods of May 1968 and January 1969 respectively. These surveys were conducted primarily to determine if Monsanto's effluents are producing any adverse effects upon the ecology or chemistry of the Watershed. Studies number two and three were conducted by Drs. Gunning and Suttkus of Tulane University.

Dr Gunning has recommended at least two more samplings in 1969. We do not feel that we can justify $4,000 - $6,000 for them. Our opinion may be able to help the same thing for us. We would be glad to help with [illegible]

One reason that we thought that you might be interested in these reports is the recent attention which is being placed on chlorinated Biphenyl by various researchers. We were told that the company was hiring a Marine Biologist to study the effects of Aroclor on aquatic environments. These reports could possibly provide him with some information. In each of these reports there is mention of the fact that there are no fish or other aquatic life in Snow Creek. Snow Creek receives all of the waste water and sewered acid from our Aroclor process. Although there are many other factors which could adversely affect Snow Creek (ie. cotton mills using organic dyes, foundries with their waste waters, etc.), the fact that we dump into Snow Creek should certainly be of great interest to us.

If you have any questions or comments on these reports, please advise.

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Our thought was that if the business group was interested in long term effects of PCB on a stream Choccolocco Creek would be a good place to start. Any info would also help us in maintaining knowledge of situation in the Creek & future insurance if an upset occurs. Joe Landwehr