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Attached is a copy of a proposed Grant-in-aid Agreement submitted by the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center for our consideration. The general objective of the proposed studies is to provide information relating to PCB contamination of milk resulting from silo coatings.

The proposed cost of $12,500 does not appear to be excessive. It consists primarily of the salary for a technical assistant and I find it difficult to understand how his services will be utilized effectively during the entire year. Perhaps the work is such that part time help would be difficult to schedule. Note the project is not charged with any costs relating to procurement, care and feeding of the test animals.

The proposed agreement is worded to assure that control of the work, data, reports and patent possibilities remains completely with the Research Center. It appears the Donor has no particular advantages over others who may also be interested in the work.

At present no new silo coating situations have developed in those areas in which Bloomfield Silo and Michigan Silo Companies operated. Activity has been centered in the southeast and relates to silos coated by Mounteagle Silo Company or its predecessor, the Concrete Silo Company. These cases are being handled on an individual basis with many of the silos being sandblasted and replastered. There are some indications that the regulatory agencies, both state and Federal, do not believe the PCB-in-milk problem is serious and activity is being limited.

Insofar as our current program is concerned I have personal doubts that the information generated by this study, becoming available in January-February, 1973 with a final report in October, 1973, would be timely.

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I believe that the study will probably result in data which will support some tentative conclusions which Dr. Willet has derived and which encourage our sand-blasting - replastering programs. I also believe that Dr. Willet will somehow continue the study with or without Monsanto aid and the information acquired will be available to all.

It seems to me the only direct benefit we might derive from sponsorship of this study is in the intangible area of public relations, in this case the academic and agricultural community in Ohio.

I would appreciate comments from all recipients.

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Enclosures

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