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DATE: July 22, 1976

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CC: W. R. Corey
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TO: G. F. Fort - E1SB

I have attached a copy of Monsanto's January, 1976 press release regarding our intentions re PCB's, a copy of J. C. Weber's update remarks to EPA made last May and our position paper on PCB's.

R. G. Potter and I have discussed what additional action might be appropriate with respect to Gov. Bond's query and have agreed that the following wording to be included in the cover letter:

> "Polychlorinated biphenyls have been one of the most studied group of chemicals in the history of environmental concern. Monsanto has recognized the problems associated with them and has stated publicly its intentions to withdraw from the market as soon as acceptable alternatives are available. We have cooperated fully with the EPA, other governmental agencies and industry to this end and feel that the proposed policy statement to be submitted by Gov. Bowen of Indiana is not only unnecessary but will be rendered moot in short order."

D. R. Bishop

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