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Whilst I think all of us in Monsanto concerned with PCBs should be flattered by Dr. Drury's suggestion that he nominate us for an Audubon Society award, I doubt if it would be wise for Monsanto to accept this nomination at this stage. Although it is true that we have made significant voluntary efforts to help in solving the problem, we do have some important work yet to be done if we are to achieve our goals and objectives in this area.

In discussing this with Dan Forrestal he suggested a good approach might be to call Dr. Drury to indicate our pleasure at his offer to nominate Monsanto for this award. We should, however, point out that since additional work remains to be done we do not think it would be appropriate for us to receive such an award at this time.

We, therefore, prefer to leave the matter open until we feel our actions in this area have been completed and we have an effective means of insuring proper control of the use of PCBs as fire-resistant materials without undue danger of contamination to the environment.

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