

STATE OF WISCONSIN : CIRCUIT COURT : MILWAUKEE COUNTY
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STROH DIE CASTING COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

VOLUME XIV (p.m.)

v.

Case No. 639-887

MONSANTO COMPANY,

Defendant.

May 2, 1991

Honorable Michael J. Barron
Circuit Judge Presiding

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Plaintiff.

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1 you?

2 A More probable than not is not a statistical concept.

3 Q I understand that. But if that is -- If it's a
4 concept that we are trying to find; that is, what is
5 the outcome of an exposure more probable than not
6 related to that exposure, that's different than your
7 95 percent confidence level, isn't it?

8 A Yes.

9 MR. CARLSON: That's all. Thank you very
10 much, sir.

11 THE COURT: Thank you, Doctor.

12 THE WITNESS: Certainly.

13 (The witness is excused.)

14 MR. RUNNING: Defense calls Mr. William
15 Papageorge.

16 WILLIAM PAPAGEORGE, called as a witness
17 herein, being first duly sworn, was examined and
18 testified as follows:

19 THE CLERK: Okay. Would you state your
20 name, please?

21 THE WITNESS: William B, Papageorge.

22 THE CLERK: Spell your last name.

23 THE WITNESS: P-a-p-a-g-e-o-r-g-e.

24 THE CLERK: Thanks. Have you a seat.

25 MR. RUNNING: Your Honor, during this

1 examination, we'll be using the transparencies off
2 and on. I prefer to keep the lights on. Your
3 Honor, if we could just leave them on throughout
4 unless the jury can't see.

5 THE COURT: Okay.

6 MR. RUNNING: Just so we don't have the
7 disruptions of turning them on and off.

8 DIRECT EXAMINATION

9 BY MR. RUNNING:

10 Q Good afternoon, Mr. Papageorge.

11 A Good afternoon.

12 Q Were you the manager of the environmental control
13 for the organic chemicals division of Monsanto from
14 1970 to 1976?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And was this the time period in which Pydraul fluid
17 was converted from a PCB based product to a non-PCB
18 based product?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Were you involved in the decision to convert the
21 Pydraul product from a PCB based product to a
22 non-PCB based product?

23 A Yes, I was.

24 Q Why was that decision made?

25 A We -- Monsanto was receiving and had itself found

1 information that led to the strong belief that PCBs
2 were being found in the environment. And this being
3 the case -- And in some instances some effects on
4 wildlife were being reported.

5 Monsanto chose then to do what it could to
6 control the release of PCBs into the environment,
7 and one of those programs included the reformulation
8 of their industrial hydraulic fluids to remove the
9 presence of PCBs in them.

10 Q What, if any, outside pressure was being exerted on
11 Monsanto once the decision was made to convert
12 Pydraul hydraulic fluid from a PCB based product to
13 a non-PCB based product, what outside pressure was
14 there?

15 A There was no pressure. This was Monsanto's idea.

16 Q Was Monsanto being pressured by its customers to
17 make this change?

18 A No.

19 Q Was Monsanto being pressured by state governments to
20 make this change?

21 A No.

22 Q Was Monsanto being pressured by the Federal
23 Government to make this change?

24 A No.

25 Q What about other producers of PCBs throughout the

1 world, were they pressuring Monsanto to make this
2 change?

3 A No. In fact, they were asking us not to do what we
4 had planned to do.

5 Q Did Monsanto --

6 A They didn't agree with Monsanto.

7 Q Did Monsanto make the change anyway?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Was the US Environmental Protection Agency in
10 existence at the time these decisions began to be
11 made at Monsanto?

12 A It was approved by Congress as I recall in '69 and
13 they had selected a few people, but organizationally
14 it wasn't functioning in early 1970s when these
15 decisions were made.

16 Q When Pydrauls were reformulated without
17 polychlorinated biphenyls, why didn't Monsanto go
18 out to customers like Stroh and advise them to drain
19 the fluid out of their machines immediately and ship
20 it back to Monsanto? Why wasn't that advice given?

21 MR. CARLSON: Your Honor, I'm going to
22 object for lack of foundation at this time. I'd
23 like to know if he's testifying from personal
24 knowledge or from review of records or whatever it
25 happens to be.

1 MR. RUNNING: He was the manager of the
2 environmental --

3 MR. CARLSON: I'd like to know how he
4 arrived at this information.

5 THE COURT: You can ask that on
6 cross-examination.

7 MR. CARLSON: Okay.

8 MR. RUNNING:

9 Q Do you have the question in mind, Mr. Papageorge?

10 A I forgot the question.

11 Q I'll restate it for you. Now, we've gone over the
12 fact that the decision was made to take the PCBs out
13 of the Pydraul fluid. And my question to you is,
14 why didn't Monsanto at that time go to customers
15 such as Stroh Die Casting Company and advise them to
16 drain the old fluid that contained PCBs out of their
17 die casting machines, put it in drums, and ship it
18 back to Monsanto for disposal? Why wasn't that
19 advice given?

20 A It wasn't given because for several reasons. They
21 all add up to what I think is a responsible
22 approach. One is the material was an excellent
23 material for the purpose for which it was designed.

24 Q You're referring to the old material?

25 A The PCBs in the units. Number two, when properly

1 handled, carefully handled and it's not allowed to
2 get into the environment or not allowed to get out
3 to expose the worker, no harm is going to be done
4 with it.

5 At the same time if the customer could not
6 control it such that it didn't escape to the
7 environment or leak out and effect his workers, he
8 had the option really of going for some other
9 material including the competitors' material who
10 were anxious to get the business.

11 So it's really the fact that it was a
12 material that did the job in an excellent manner and
13 when properly controlled there was no reason to
14 drain and change the whole system.

15 Q Now, was Monsanto being pressured -- We've talked
16 about whether there was pressure to reformulate the
17 product. In 1971 and 1972, when the two
18 reformulations that the Court has heard testimony
19 on -- And we'll cover it more detail.

20 During that time period, was there any
21 outside pressure on Monsanto to go to a company like
22 Stroh Die Casting and advise them to drain the old
23 fluid from their machines and send it back to
24 Monsanto, was anyone advocating outside of the
25 company?

1 A There was no pressure from any one or any agency or
2 any authority, no.

3 Q Did the US Environmental Protection Agency say to
4 Monsanto in 1972 that they should be going to
5 companies like Stroh Die Casting Company telling
6 them to drain the fluid from their machines and
7 return it to Monsanto?

8 A No, they were not.

9 Q Now, after Monsanto took the PCBs out of the
10 hydraulic fluid, Monsanto continued to sell other
11 products containing PCBs, is that true, such as
12 dielectric fluids?

13 A That is true, yes.

14 Q That's a term that's been used a little bit in this
15 trial. Would you explain what a dielectric fluid
16 is?

17 A A dielectric fluid is a liquid that does not conduct
18 electricity. That's where the expression dielectric
19 comes from, and is used in electrical equipment for
20 insulating purposes as well as cooling purposes.

21 Q What's a capacitor, Mr. Papageorge?

22 A Capacitor is a device that is used to in essence
23 store electrical energy and release it in bursts
24 with more amperage -- it's a called in the
25 electrical business -- than was originally

1 introduced into it. I hope that's clear.

2 Q Are capacitors the boxes that you often see on the
3 electrical polls?

4 A Well, both capacitors and transformers can be seen
5 on electrical polls.

6 Q Okay. Why don't you explain what a transformer
7 is.

8 A A transformer is an electrical device that takes
9 electrical energy from one voltage and either
10 raises it to a higher voltage or lowers it to a
11 voltage.

12 Q Is it known as stepping down or stepping up the
13 current?

14 A That's a common expression, yes.

15 (Whereupon, there was a change of
16 reporters.)

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1 Q And why does that take place? Why do electrical
2 companies need to step down or step up the current?

3 A Well, in order to get enough electricity, let's say,
4 into our homes, you have to start with very high
5 voltages to travel the distance they must travel
6 from the generating plant to the home, so it's
7 conceivable where it starts out as thousands of
8 volts, and by the time it gets to several
9 transformers, and finally the one hanging behind our
10 home on a post, it drops down then, let's say, from
11 400 volts at that point down to 210, which it then
12 enters our homes and we then see it as 110 or 210
13 for our dryers and electric ranges and other things.

14 Q And in order to step down or step up the fluid in
15 the case of a transformer, is it necessary to have
16 an insulating fluid inside the transformer?

17 A Well, most of them have an insulating fluid to help
18 dissipate the heat that is generated as electricity
19 flows through the unit. I hesitate because there
20 are some transformers that are dry transformers that
21 just depend on the cooling air around them to cool
22 them.

23 Q But a common use is to have an insulating fluid in a
24 transformer?

25 A That's correct.

1 MR. CARLSON: I object. I think it's
2 irrelevant.

3 MR. RUNNING: I just have a few more
4 questions.

5 THE COURT: Go ahead.

6 MR. RUNNING:

7 Q What attributes of the fluid were necessary?

8 A Of course, the principal attribute is the fact that
9 it must not conduct electricity, so electricity
10 doesn't go across the fluid to the next electrical
11 part of the unit. It must also be compatible. It
12 must not harm the inside of the transformer,
13 dissolve the insulation and what have you that might
14 be in it.

15 Another very important feature in many
16 transformers is the desirability that the material
17 not catch fire. When the unit for some reason
18 explodes, because of too much voltage, for example,
19 we try to avoid the spreading of fires by having a
20 fluid that doesn't burn.

21 Q Did PCBs meet those attributes, those requirements?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And were they continued to be -- did Monsanto
24 continue to sell PCB dielectric fluids for some
25 period of time after it ceased selling PCB based

1 hydraulic fluids?

2 MR. CARLSON: Object, leading.

3 MR. RUNNING: It's not in dispute, Your
4 Honor.

5 THE COURT: No.

6 THE WITNESS: It did.

7 THE COURT: It's more repetitive than
8 anything.

9 MR. RUNNING:

10 Q Who are some of the customers? For example, was the
11 government a customer of PCB dielectric fluids after
12 1972?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Let's go into your background before we go back to
15 hydraulic fluids. Could you describe to the Court
16 and to the jury your educational background?

17 A I received a bachelor of science degree in 1943 and
18 a master of science degree in 1947 from Washington
19 University in St. Louis, I earned 12 hours towards a
20 doctor of science degree from Oklahoma, which is now
21 called Oklahoma State University. That covers my
22 formal education.

23 Q Did you serve in the military?

24 A Yes. Between the two degrees, I served in the army
25 and in the Pacific theater. I went in as a private,

1 came out a captain in the corps of engineers.

2 Q Did you serve as an engineer in the occupation of
3 Japan?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Then were you employed after you returned to the
6 United States?

7 A I went and got my master's degree after I returned.

8 Q And then who were you first employed by?

9 A Then I worked for Phillips Petroleum Company in
10 Oklahoma.

11 Q Could you briefly describe your positions with
12 Phillips?

13 A I was a research engineer in their research
14 department, working with research problems that had
15 to do with getting oil out of the ground. Such
16 things as providing the proper kinds of water to
17 push the oil through so they come up to the surface
18 or drilling methods that were used to drill the
19 wells, that type of activity.

20 Then I became a design engineer in their
21 department that was associated with the refining of
22 petroleum, the making of the various types of gas
23 lines and so on.

24 Q And did you then go to Monsanto Company?

25 A I did.

1 Q What was your first job at Monsanto? Just so we
2 know the date of your first employment by Monsanto,
3 could you state that as well?

4 A November, 1951 I joined Monsanto as a design
5 engineer at their St. Louis plant.

6 Q Is that the Queeny plant?

7 A The John F. Queeny plant in St. Louis.

8 Q What were your duties and responsibilities in that
9 first position?

10 A Designing equipment for the manufacture of a
11 chemical.

12 Q Were you subsequently promoted to production
13 supervisor at the Queeny plant in 1956?

14 A Yes.

15 Q What were your duties and responsibilities as
16 production supervisor of the Queeny plant, again,
17 very briefly?

18 A I was responsible for the operation of a department
19 that made a chemical.

20 Q And then were you transferred to maintenance
21 superintendent of the Queeny plant?

22 A Yes.

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24 position, briefly?

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21 superintendent of the Queeny plant?

22 A Yes.

23 Q What were your duties and responsibilities in that
24 position, briefly?

25 A I was responsible for the maintenance work force of

1 about 400 or 500 mechanics and foremen and
2 supervisors that took care of the plant, kept it
3 maintained and built small projects and so on.

4 Q Were you then transferred to the position of
5 technical services superintendent at the Queeny
6 plant?

7 A Yes.

8 Q And that was from 1960 to 1962?

9 A That's correct, yes.

10 Q Could you briefly describe your duties and
11 responsibilities in that position?

12 A I supervised the activities of oh, anywhere from 10
13 to 20 engineers who were designing equipment for the
14 manufacture of chemicals.

15 Q And then were you promoted to the position of
16 general superintendent, distribution, warehousing
17 and utilities at the Queeny plant?

18 A I was.

19 Q From 1962 to '64?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Could you briefly describe the duties and
22 responsibilities of that position?

23 A I was the general superintendent of the group that
24 supplied services to the departments that made the
25 chemicals. We took care of their shipping, we took

1 care of their receiving, their raw materials, hauled
2 out their trash and gave them the steam,
3 electricity, sort of a services department.

4 Q Did you have any responsibilities in connection with
5 Pydraul fluids at the Queeny plant during that
6 two-year time period?

7 A I did.

8 Q Could you describe those responsibilities?

9 A One of the departments in that responsibility was a
10 department that did all of the blending and drumming
11 at the plant, and one of the product lines that we
12 produced in that unit was the Pydraul fluid.

13 Q Were you then promoted to general superintendent of
14 manufacturing at the Krummrich plant in Sauget,
15 Illinois?

16 A I was.

17 Q Was that in '64?

18 A Yes.

19 Q And you held that position for two years?

20 A Roughly so, yes.

21 Q Can you briefly describe your responsibilities in
22 that position?

23 A I was responsible for the manufacture of a group of
24 chemical products that we made at that plant.

25 Q Is that a large facility?

1 A Yes. There were six general superintendents. I was
2 one of six, so that gives you an idea how big a
3 plant it was.

4 Q Is it one of the larger chemical plants in the
5 country?

6 A I would think so, yes, at the time.

7 Q And you were then promoted to plant manager in the
8 plant at Anniston, Alabama, in 1965?

9 A Yes.

10 Q And you held that position until December of '69?

11 A Yes.

12 Q What were your duties and responsibilities in that
13 position?

14 A Well, I was responsible, to put it simply,
15 everything that went on in the plant was my
16 responsibility, from hiring of workers, training of
17 workers, the maintaining of the facilities, the
18 production of the products, the shipping of the
19 products.

20 Q Were PCBs produced at any of the plants you worked
21 at?

22 A They were produced in the Sauget, Illinois plant and
23 in the Anniston, Alabama plant.

24 Q Otherwise known as the Krummrich plant and the
25 Anniston plant?

1 A Correct.

2 Q And what job position were you appointed to in
3 January of 1970?

4 A I was appointed as manager, environmental control,
5 addressing the then PCB issue that kept coming up
6 and required special attention.

7 Q Mr. Papageorge, when did you retire from Monsanto?

8 A The end of 1986.

9 Q Have you testified for Monsanto in other cases
10 involving polychlorinated biphenyls?

11 A I have.

12 Q Are you compensated for the time you spend away from
13 your home testifying in these cases?

14 A I am.

15 Q Do you have any other employment, or are you retired
16 at this point?

17 A I have no other employment. I am retired.

18 Q What was your assignment in the position that you
19 assumed in January of 1970 as manager of
20 environmental control? Could you generally describe
21 your assignment?

22 A I was responsible for coordinating the information
23 that was coming from many, many sources. Some
24 within Monsanto, much of it from the outside,
25 regarding PCBs in the environment and trying to let

1 those that I felt should know, keep them up to date,
2 and that included not only the Monsanto people, but
3 those that I got to know on the outside, the
4 university, researchers, the government agency
5 representatives, industry people, customers.

6 Anybody that had an interest in PCBs, I tried
7 to fill that need of what is the latest news on
8 PCBs. That was in essence the role I played.

9 In addition, I was expected to advise the
10 managers in Monsanto as to what approach, in my
11 opinion, would be appropriate to handle the
12 situations as they would come up.

13 Q Were you given a plan to carry out or an agenda to
14 carry out by senior management of Monsanto?

15 A Yes, I was.

16 Q Mr. Papageorge, I'm going to show you Defendant's
17 Trial Exhibit No. 1082. Can you identify this
18 document?

19 A Yes. This is a copy of portions of minutes of a
20 meeting held in St. Louis in November of 1969 by the
21 Monsanto committee.

22 Q It's titled "Minutes of meeting at the corporate
23 development committee." What is the corporate
24 development committee, or what was it in 1969?

25 A At that time the corporate development committee was

1 a committee consisting of the president of Monsanto,
2 who is also the chairman of the board, and his key
3 vice president.

4 In other words, the top managers of Monsanto
5 formed that committee and they met monthly to
6 discuss important matters concerning Monsanto.

7 Q Was this also known as the corporate management
8 committee, on occasion?

9 A On occasion, it would have that title. It also had
10 another, corporate administration committee, so it
11 had three different titles through the years.

12 Q Is this a business record of Monsanto company?

13 A Yes.

14 MR. RUNNING: I move for the admission of
15 Defendant's Trial Exhibit 1082, Your Honor.

16 MR. CARLSON: No objection.

17 THE COURT: So received.

18 MR. RUNNING:

19 Q Mr. Papageorge, do these minutes indicate that the
20 meeting was held on November 17th of '69?

21 A They do.

22 Q And the individuals that are indicated that are
23 present is -- is the chairman the president of
24 Monsanto Company?

25 A Yes.

1 Q Mr. Bock?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And the individuals below him? I take it the
4 president gets top billing?

5 A Well, that is Mr. Bible.

6 Q That was a joke. I'm sorry. The other individuals
7 are vice presidents, generally?

8 A They are.

9 Q And there is a reference at the start. We have
10 redacted information that does not pertain to this
11 case, Your Honor, but beginning, the start, there is
12 a reference to the organic division, reports on
13 polychlorinated biphenyls. Do you see that, Mr.
14 Papageorge?

15 A I do.

16 Q And then go to the next page. Is this part of the
17 report on Page 78?

18 A It is.

19 Q Let's go down to the bottom here, plan of action.
20 Do you see a reference to the recommended plan of
21 action in the bottom paragraph?

22 A I do.

23 Q And does the sentence that I've highlighted indicate
24 the goal of the recommended plan of action?

25 A Yes. I do see that. That is the overall goal, yes.

1 Q To assure that the loss of PCBs in the environment,
2 if any, is minimal?

3 A Correct.

4 Q Now, just so we don't all have to stare at this
5 screen. The next page, Mr. Papageorge, have I blown
6 it up on this foam board? Can you just confirm?

7 A Yes, you have.

8 Q Mr. Papageorge, could you identify this blow-up,
9 state what these four points are, first of all?

10 A I'm sorry. That is a copy of the page of this
11 document, yes, and those 12 points listed are the
12 objectives or the points of the plan which were
13 expected to be pursued, and that was in essence,
14 what I was supposed to be doing, looking into these
15 12 points or reading the 11 points. The first one
16 appoints me to the job.

17 Q Okay. Mr. Papageorge, if you could come down, what
18 I would like you to do is basically to explain what
19 the 12 points are, and then I'm going to ask you to
20 go back and almost have a flashback.

21 We'll go through some of the documents leading
22 up to this plan. Just so we have the benefit of
23 your assignment initially. If you could just
24 describe what the 12-point plan was in general
25 terms, and we'll go back to it later in your

1 examination.

2 MR. CARLSON: I'm going to object. I
3 don't think there was any testimony if this was an
4 assignment given to him at this time. I think he's
5 just reciting the document. I don't see his name on
6 the document.

7 THE COURT: He just testified to that.

8 MR. CARLSON: Okay, but -- okay. We'll go
9 through it on Cross.

10 MR. RUNNING:

11 Q Go ahead, Mr. Papageorge.

12 A The first item there, in which the appointment of a
13 project manager is mentioned, that created the job
14 that I was given in January of 1970. You will note
15 that I was to be assisted by a group called the task
16 force.

17 Well, when I showed up on the job, there were,
18 I don't remember the exact numbers, something like
19 15 or 20 people who were involved with PCBs. They
20 made up this task force, representing the medical,
21 law, engineering, manufacturing, as well as the
22 business marketing people.

23 Following that first item, there are 11 other
24 items that were highlighted at the time, that were
25 supposed to be looked into.

1 No. 2 refers to notifying our customers about
2 the PCB situation as we knew it.

3 No. 3 talks about the control of losses of PCBs
4 from the Monsanto plant. No. 3 -- I'm sorry.

5 No. 4 refers to not only are we going to try to
6 influence what comes out of our plant, but we are
7 going to talk to our customers and tell them the
8 need for reducing PCBs leaving their plant.

9 No. 5 here refers to a packaging system for the
10 PCBs that were at that time being found in the
11 environment. The higher chlorinated types and the
12 packaging system at that time was really not too
13 sophisticated. It was primitive, it was a pipe over
14 in the corner of the building with a scale, and you
15 put a drum on it, and the operator would fill it.
16 Sometimes you'd overfit it, and it would spill on
17 the floor.

18 What we wanted to do was improve the system,
19 such that no spills occurred, that any fumes that
20 came up from the package as it was being filled
21 would be caught, wouldn't go out into the air, so
22 that was the purpose of No. 5.

23 No. 6, we would try to find the products, other
24 materials that would replace those PCBs that were
25 actually being found in the environment. Something,

1 what was a non-PCB, but would do the job almost as
2 well, if not better, hopefully. We had a program
3 going, and we wanted to expand it on determining
4 whether the PCBs would biodegrade out in the
5 environment.

6 Then we had, of course, a section here that
7 says continuing your testing program to determine if
8 PCBs harm any living creatures. We had an animal
9 testing program underway at the time. Also,
10 accelerate, in other words, hurry up your program
11 that has to do with better and better ways to
12 analyze for PCBs, so that you can find very, very
13 low quantities and do it with a lot of confidence,
14 that when the analytical course gives you a number,
15 that that is a good number, that it won't be
16 different the next time he looks at that sample.

17 No. 10 refers to the removal of the PCBs found
18 in the environment from two popular types of PCBs,
19 the 1242 and the 1248. See if we can make something
20 that works as well without the five and six
21 chlorines.

22 No. 11 refers to studies to determine what
23 materials are formed when you incinerate PCBs. Are
24 they bad actors, are they worse than the material
25 you start with. The whole idea here is to prove, if

1 we could, that in spite of their fire resistance,
2 there are ways to incinerate them and do it safely,
3 and No. 12, we were to look into a plan for
4 reclaiming and recovering PCBs, so that we can
5 recycle them, and therefore, not have to generate
6 more PCBs, and at the same time, keep him out of the
7 environment.

8 Q Those are the 12 points?

9 A Those are the 12 points.

10 Q There is a reference to Findett, reclamation already
11 underway at Findett?

12 A Findett was a small company that specialized in
13 recycling chemicals. They had a program ongoing,
14 looking at PCB recycling.

15 Q Mr. Papageorge, I'd like to use a demonstrative
16 exhibit from a later Monsanto document just to help
17 explain some of the concepts. I'm going to show you
18 Defendant's Trial Exhibit 1075, titled "PCB
19 Environmental Pollution Abatement Plan." Can you
20 identify this as a Monsanto business record?

21 A This is a copy of a Monsanto business record.

22 (Switch in Reporters.)
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1 MR. RUNNING: I move for the admission of
2 this document, Your Honor.

3 MR. CARLSON: No objection.

4 THE COURT: So received.

5 MR. RUNNING:

6 Q Mr. Papageorge, we are going to show you a blowup of
7 a page from that document. I'll ask you questions
8 about the document later on. But before we start
9 talking about the various types of Aroclors in
10 detail, could you explain what is represented on this
11 document, in terms of the first column is "PCB
12 Homolog," the next column is titled "Aroclor Having
13 Highest Concentration Of This Homolog," and the third
14 column is, "Nature Of Material At Ambient
15 Temperature"? Could you briefly explain what is
16 depicted on this chart and explain how it relates to
17 the line of Aroclors as Monsanto marketed them in
18 1969?

19 A I'll try. On the right-hand column is shown
20 graphically the way the chemist shows it when he
21 wants to describe the materials graphically, the
22 types of chlorinated biphenyls that exist from one
23 chlorine to ten chlorines. The center column shows
24 the trademark, the name of Monsanto's product.

25 You have to keep in mind the products

1 were always mixtures of these, the various
2 combinations, and the material sold, for example, as
3 Aroclor 1221 was predominantly this material, and it
4 had a few of the others with it. Another example,
5 Aroclor 1242 was predominantly the trichloro, but it
6 had some of the di and mono and some of the four,
7 five and a few of the sixes in it.

8 So that's the purpose of these two
9 columns. And this right-hand column here, it tries
10 to describe what it looked like physically, was it a
11 thick oil or thin oil, finally, down to the solid
12 material. Looked like table salt down here. It's
13 white and crystals. Does that help?

14 Q Yes. Just -- In other words, we have been referring
15 to these chemicals as PCBs throughout this case, but
16 did they have different physical properties, the
17 various Aroclors? Could you just describe that in
18 more graphic terms?

19 A They all had, of course, different physical
20 properties, as you can see, from a thin type A-B oil
21 down to the salt or sugarlike material, the solid
22 material. And in between they had various flowing
23 properties. Some were very, very thick, some were
24 tarry looking. They -- I don't know how else to
25 describe their differences.

1 Q Well, in other words, if I -- if I had a jar
2 containing Aroclor 1232 in one hand and a jar
3 containing Aroclor 1260, would I need a trained
4 analytical chemist to tell the difference?

5 A No. You could just tilt the jar, and the 1232 would
6 flow easily, the 1260 would hang -- it would take a
7 while before it started to flow. It takes a long
8 time. Very, very viscous, very thick.

9 Q Okay. Thank you, Mr. Papageorge. Mr. Papageorge,
10 upon assuming your assignment or new job
11 responsibility, Manager of Environmental Control, in
12 January of 1970, did you do anything to familiarize
13 yourself with the history of the PCB problem as it
14 was involved at Monsanto and what actions had been
15 taken by the company prior to your appointment in
16 connection with the PCB problem?

17 A I did.

18 Q And how did you go about doing that?

19 A I arranged for sessions with the key individuals
20 within Monsanto who knew an awful lot about PCBs, and
21 their history, and their properties, and all other
22 characteristics. And it's like having a private
23 tutor.

24 I sat down with a member of the Medical
25 Department, for example, and looked through some

1 documents that he had prepared for me and he put in a
2 big three-ring notebook for me to take home and read
3 at night. He showed me the kinds of journals that
4 articles of this nature appear in and offered to have
5 them copied for me when new articles arrived in his
6 medical library. He also brought me up-to-date on
7 the status of the animal testing program that was
8 underway at the time. And also, while we were
9 talking, he made arrangements to have me join him on
10 a visit to the laboratory that was doing the study.
11 I then --

12 Q Is the person you're referring to Mr. Wheeler?

13 A Mr. Wheeler, yes, sir.

14 Q And did Mr. Wheeler report to the gentleman in the
15 first row?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Dr. --

18 A Dr. Emmet Kelly's department, yes. I then talked to
19 the Director of Research, Dr. Richard, who
20 represented the fluids products, and --

21 Q Just -- We're going to be see Dr. Richard's name.

22 Was Dr. Richard like Dr. Kelly, a medical doctor, or
23 what was his background?

24 A Dr. Richard was a research chemist, a doctor of
25 science -- doctor of philosophy in chemistry.

1 Q And what was his job position at Monsanto in 1969?

2 A He was the -- the leading research chemist of the
3 group that did the research work on Monsanto products
4 used for fluids purposes, the functional fluids
5 applications, uses. I also talked to a Dr. Ferrar,
6 who was the equivalent type of position in the
7 plasticizers group, where they use the PCBs in
8 plastic applications and in coatings, and so on.

9 I talked with members from the
10 Engineering Department as to where they were
11 regarding incineration studies. I talked with the
12 manufacturing managers, who were responsible for
13 making sure that the projects regarding how do you
14 keep material from going down the sewer, or up the
15 stack, or into the wrong landfill -- where do their
16 projects stand.

17 Q And you had personal experience with the
18 manufacturing and engineering end of the company;
19 didn't you?

20 A I knew that, yes. And more specifically for the
21 Anniston plant, but I had to catch up with what was
22 going on at the Krummrich plant.

23 Q Where you had been gone for five years?

24 A Yes. And I also talked to Dr. Keller, Robert Keller,
25 who was the lead research chemist, regarding

1 analytical methods, and his program for making
2 certain that the methodologies that -- the methods
3 that they were developing were -- their target was
4 the best in the world, and that was what I was
5 wanting to find out, how far along are you, what do
6 you need more in terms of people or equipment or
7 time, and where are we headed. I think that covers
8 most of the key people I talked to.

9 Q Okay. And did you review documents to familiarize
10 yourself with the PCB problem as it existed in
11 January of 1970?

12 A Oh, yes. Yes.

13 MR. RUNNING: These are your Exhibits 10
14 and 11.

15 MR. CARLSON: Okay.

16 MR. RUNNING:
17 Q Here is 10, here is 11. Mr. Papageorge, I refer you
18 now to Plaintiff's Exhibits 10 and 11. Do you have
19 those in front of you?

20 A I do.

21 MR. RUNNING: Your Honor, these are in
22 evidence.

23 MR. RUNNING:
24 Q Is Plaintiff's Exhibit 10 a December 1st, 1966,
25 letter from Brussels, Belgium, to a Mr. J.B. Buchanan

1 in St. Louis?

2 A It is.

3 Q Is this one of the documents you reviewed to
4 familiarize yourself with your responsibilities in
5 1970?

6 A Yes.

7 Q And there is a reference to an attachment being sent
8 with this letter from Ola Palm in Stockholm?

9 A There is, yes.

10 Q And can you identify Plaintiff's Exhibit 11? Is it
11 that attachment?

12 A It is that attachment.

13 Q Before we get into this letter, Mr. Papageorge, can
14 you briefly summarize what you learned about the
15 reports coming out of Sweden from a study by Mr.
16 Jensen and Dr. Widmark, later Dr. Jensen?

17 A The reports that were coming out of Sweden indicated
18 that the two researchers mentioned, while looking for
19 DDT in environmental samples, kept noticing on
20 their -- the graphs that the instruments generate
21 some strange peaks and valleys that they could not
22 identify as a DDT. They thought after some time that
23 these could be chlorinated biphenyls. But they
24 weren't certain. It was still new technology that
25 had yet to be developed and fully understood. And

1 Monsanto's first report received in '66 was even
2 further confused by the reference -- instead of to
3 "chlorinated biphenyls," the reference was made to
4 "chlorinated biphenols."

5 Q Have I highlighted that reference?

6 A Yes, you have.

7 Q What --

8 A That is an example of the kind of information that
9 was available at that time, and it was confusing.

10 Confusing in that Monsanto did not make anything that
11 they called chlorinated biphenols. And we were
12 confused as to just what is this material.

13 Q Let me go to the cover letter from Brussels, Belgium,
14 to St. Louis enclosing the report from Sweden in
15 December of 1966. Have I highlighted a passage that
16 refers to the confusion that you just testified to?

17 A Yes, you have.

18 Q It reads, "Is it likely that the chlorinated phenols
19 show similar chromatographic traces to the
20 chlorinated biphenols?" I think it should have said
21 phenyls. I know I butchered that sentence, Mr.
22 Papageorge, but is that -- could you explain what
23 that question -- what the significance of that
24 question would be?

25 A The reference to the chlorinated phenols refers to

1 chemicals that are used for wood treating. It's the
2 kind of chemical that's in this telephone pole we
3 talked about earlier, or in fence posts, to prevent
4 wood from rotting easily in the environment.

5 Q Is that known as pentachlorophenol?

6 A Yes, that's one of them.

7 Q That's a wood preservative?

8 A That's a wood preservative. And the author there is
9 saying -- he's raising the question whether those
10 materials in the analytical instruments would behave
11 like the chlorinated -- and he uses the word
12 "biphenols" there. We don't know if he meant
13 biphenols or if he should have had a Y there instead
14 of an O, biphenyls.

15 Q Mr. Pendergast has asked that I spell out when I am
16 referring to phenols versus phenyls.

17 MR. PENDERGAST: I want to point out the
18 fact, when this is taken down -- appreciating the
19 fact that the court reporter is going to have to
20 register O-L in one case and Y-L in the other, I
21 think it should be clear when it's phenols and
22 phenyl.

23 MR. RUNNING: We'll do our best.

24 MR. RUNNING:

25 Q Let me just read the postscript. "Thinking of the

1 total quantity of Aroclor used in Sweden compared
2 with the much larger volumes of pentachlorophenol and
3 sodium pentachlorophenate, for water treatment in the
4 paper industry and" -- I can't read that word --
5 blank "control in the timber industry. Is it likely
6 that the chlorinated phenols show similar
7 chromatographic traces as the chlorinated biphenols?"

8 Have I read that correctly, Mr. Papageorge?

9 A Yes, sir. The word there is "sapstain."

10 Q Okay. And what does that mean?

11 A I am not a tree expert, but I understand that some
12 trees, the sap does stain the timbers such that
13 later, when they try to make furniture and finish it,
14 it doesn't look good, and these chemicals tend to
15 treat that defect in the appearance.

16 Q What is Sweden better known for, bi -- Is it better
17 known for phenols or phenyls?

18 A Sweden? The phenols used in their timber and paper
19 industry.

20 Q Now, did this report -- You know, recognizing the
21 confusion you referred to about the identification,
22 did this report raise any concerns on the part of
23 Monsanto?

24 A Certainly.

25 Q Were there questions raised concerning the source of

1 this contaminant, whether it was phenols or phenyls?

2 A Yes, there were.

3 Q And does this letter address such a question as that?

4 Does this letter address the question of the source
5 of the phenol or phenyl contamination?

6 A Yes, it does.

7 Q Referring to the first paragraph, it says, "No
8 special industry can so far be accused of being the
9 source of contamination." Was that -- Was that a
10 point of inquiry or investigation on the part of
11 Monsanto?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Can you explain why that was a question?

14 A Well, it's almost a foregone conclusion that if a
15 particular chemical is being suspected of being
16 present in the environment, and that chemical could
17 well be a product that Monsanto manufactured, that
18 they should be more knowledgeable if they can and
19 should make every effort to learn more about what's
20 going on, and that's what led to that.

21 Q At the bottom of the page I've highlighted this
22 sentence. "The use of PCB in Sweden is not
23 established in detail." Can you explain what is
24 referred to in that question?

25 A It refers really to the lack of knowledge on

1 Monsanto's part as to how much PCB is shipped into
2 Sweden, since they don't manufacture any themselves,
3 and for what purposes is it used in Sweden. That had
4 not -- That was not known to Monsanto because the
5 Swedish industry could buy PCBs from half a dozen or
6 more producers in western europe as well as eastern
7 europe and Japan.

8 Q Since you've touched on that subject, who were the
9 international producers of PCBs in the mid to late
10 '60s that you know of?

11 A I don't think I remember all of them. There was the
12 Bayer Company in Germany, B-A-Y-E-R.

13 Q Otherwise known as Bayer?

14 A In the United States it's Bayer Aspirin, but that's
15 the original source.

16 Q Okay.

17 A There's a company called Rhone-Poulanc, R-H-O-N-E
18 dash P-O-U-L-A-N-C; and Prodelac, P-R-O-D-E-L-A-C,
19 from France; Cafarro, C-A-F-A-R-R-O, Italy; and I --
20 as I remember, there was a Flick, F-L-I-C-K, in
21 Spain, and I have never been able to confirm, but I
22 am told there were at least three in Russia and the
23 eastern european countries, Czechoslovakia, Poland
24 and Hungary.

25 Q Was there any skepticism initially about the

1 identification of this contaminant as either phenols
2 or phenyls?

3 A Yes, there was some skepticism on everybody's part
4 that knew anything about it.

5 Q And were the uses of PCBs as they were understood in
6 the '60s one of the causes for that skepticism? Let
7 me put the question differently. Was PCB generally
8 used as a broadcast chemical, broadcast pesticide in
9 the mid-'60s?

10 A No. No. No.

11 Q You indicated that Jensen and Widmark were looking
12 for DDT when they came upon their identification of
13 phenyls or phenols. Was DDT used as a broadcast
14 chemical in the '60s?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Was that distinction significant? The distinction
17 between DDT and PCB?

18 A In terms of presence?

19 Q Yes.

20 A It was significant. This would account for the
21 presence of those types of materials in remote areas,
22 the PCBs not being the type that was broadcast. And
23 the allegations made that it was being found in such
24 things as pine needles was very troublesome, and we
25 couldn't figure out how in the world did it get to

1 the pine needles.

2 Q I have highlighted another sentence from the third
3 page of the report from Mr. Strand in Sweden. He
4 writes, "Nothing is known as to the way in which it
5 reaches the water and the air." Was that a question
6 in Monsanto's mind in the late '60s as to the source
7 of this contamination?

8 A Yes. Yes.

9 Q I take it, because Monsanto had these questions, it
10 didn't do anything about this report?

11 A Oh, quite the opposite.

12 Q What did Monsanto do?

13 A We asked Mr. Wood to get copies of Mr. Jensen's
14 analytical procedure, and he did do this, and he sent
15 the procedure to St. Louis, to Dr. Robert Keller, who
16 I mentioned earlier, and Monsanto started on its own
17 research program to find out what does it take to
18 properly analyze for these materials and to identify
19 them to make sure exactly what they are.

20 Q Mr. Papageorge, in 1966, at the time of this letter
21 to St. Louis, December 1st, '66, was Monsanto under
22 any pressure to react to the report from Sweden?

23 A No.

24 Q Outside pressure?

25 A No.

1 Q Were governmental agencies demanding action from
2 Monsanto?

3 A No. They didn't even know about this.

4 Q Mr. Papageorge, I am going to show you Defendant's
5 Trial Exhibit No. 1074. Can you identify this
6 document, Mr. Papageorge?

7 A Yes, it's -- it's a Monsanto --

8 Q Go ahead.

9 A It's a Monsanto memorandum authored by Dr. Richard
10 and addressed to Mr. Kuhn, manufacturing manager.

11 Q Is this a Monsanto business record?

12 A Yes.

13 MR. RUNNING: I move for the admission of
14 this exhibit, Your Honor.

15 MR. CARLSON: It's a duplicate of one
16 that's in evidence, but I can't tell you which one.

17 MR. RUNNING: Neither can I.

18 THE COURT: It's received without
19 objection.

20 MR. CARLSON: It's a duplicate of 13.

21 MR. RUNNING:

22 Q Mr. Papageorge, you've explained that Dr. Richard was
23 the head of the research group. He's identified here
24 as being from the Research Center. Who was Mr. Kuhn?

25 A Mr. Kuhn was a manager of manufacturing who was

1 responsible for the technology -- manufacturing
2 technology required for the manufacture of PCBs at
3 the two plants.

4 Q There is a reference here, I think Mr. Carlson has
5 already read this, to the following sentence. "We
6 are taking three steps to protect ourselves."

7 THE COURT: What's the date on there?

8 THE WITNESS: December 30, '68.

9 MR. RUNNING:

10 Q Mr. Papageorge, after you had familiarized yourself
11 with the history of the PCBs, and you saw that
12 sentence, did you uncover some sign of a Watergate
13 cover-up, or something else in that regard, of
14 Monsanto protecting itself?

15 A Not at all. I didn't sense any such impression, no.

16 Q What were the three steps that are referred to in
17 this memorandum? Let's take them one by one. Read
18 you the next sentence. "Scott Tucker and R. Keller
19 are to repeat some of the analytical identification
20 work feeding Aroclor to chickens and seeing if
21 Aroclor is really present as 'shown' by the
22 literature. I hope we have been falsely accused but
23 maybe Aroclor is present." Would you describe what
24 that first step was?

25 A That first step is an attempt on the part of the

1 analytical chemist to repeat in the laboratory
2 approach what we thought might be happening in
3 wildlife. Where the birds were found with PCBs, we
4 thought that we could duplicate that by feeding
5 chickens PCBs and seeing if there are any PCBs in the
6 chicken flesh that was later analyzed. That's the
7 purpose of that study.

8 Q So the first step wasn't a step to hire a lobbyist,
9 or somebody, to do dirty tricks?

10 A No. No.

11 MR. CARLSON: Your Honor, I object.
12 That's leading.

13 THE COURT: Sustained.

14 MR. RUNNING:

15 Q The second step, is that described in the next
16 paragraph? Elmer Wheeler?

17 A Yes. This is part of the -- to answer the question,
18 if PCBs are truly out there, what harm are they doing
19 to living creatures? This is the beginning of that
20 animal testing program.

21 Q Okay. Part of the first step, referring in the
22 paragraph where I have got the blue marks and the
23 other green marks, was that a continuation of the
24 analytical research program?

25 MR. CARLSON: Objection. It's leading.

1 THE COURT: Sustained.

2 MR. RUNNING:

3 Q How did that first paragraph, that first step, relate
4 to the analytical research program that you have
5 identified Dr. Keller was responsible for?

6 A Well, it's -- part of the program was to develop
7 analytical methods that could be used on many
8 different types of samples. For example, you use a
9 certain method when you're looking for PCBs in water;
10 you'd modify that method a little bit when you're
11 looking for PCBs in air or, further, you might even
12 change it again when you're looking for PCBs in
13 animal tissue. So looking for PCBs in chicken tissue
14 is -- involved fine tuning your analytical method to
15 the point where it can detect PCBs that are still in
16 the tissue. So that is a continuation of the
17 analytical research program.

18 Q Refinement of technology?

19 A Yes.

20 Q How common was it in 1968 for an industrial company
21 or a chemical company to be performing chronic
22 testing to determine the possible effects of its
23 products on wildlife?

24 MR. CARLSON: Objection. Lack of
25 foundation.

1 THE COURT: Well, he can testify if he
2 knows.

3 THE WITNESS: This is, to my knowledge, a
4 first, the conducting of this kind of study for an
5 industrial chemical.

6 MR. RUNNING:

7 Q How do you know it's a first?

8 A This is part of my tutorial with the representatives
9 of Monsanto's Medical Department.

10 Q Did your interviews with Mr. Wheeler give you
11 information confirming that this was a first, for an
12 industrial company to be doing this kind of test?

13 MR. CARLSON: Objection as leading, Your
14 Honor.

15 THE COURT: It is.

16 MR. RUNNING:

17 Q Did Mr. Wheeler describe information that's relevant
18 to that question?

19 A Yes, he did.

20 Q Can you describe what Mr. Wheeler told you about the
21 formulation of this testing program?

22 A Yes. Should I describe it, you say?

23 Q Yes. And in particular his conversations with the
24 government.

25 A Mr. Wheeler informed me that he had made contact with

1 the representatives in government, primarily
2 Department of Agriculture, which at that time was
3 responsible for registering pesticides, insecticides,
4 and so on, and with representatives of the Food &
5 Drug Administration, who were responsible for
6 approving drugs and cosmetics and the like. He was
7 seeking guidance regarding the type of tests that
8 these governmental experts would consider as being
9 appropriate for an industrial chemical and the
10 environment.

11 MR. CARLSON: Your Honor, before he goes
12 on, and I apologize for the interruption, I don't
13 have any objection to him testifying as to what Mr.
14 Wheeler told Mr. Papageorge that Mr. Wheeler did. I
15 do have an objection to anything that Mr. Wheeler
16 said that someone else told him as being hearsay.

17 THE COURT: So you're only objecting to
18 double hearsay, not single?

19 MR. CARLSON: That's right. At this
20 point that's right.

21 MR. RUNNING: Your Honor, what I am going
22 to try to get at is he didn't tell him anything, not
23 the substance of conversation. I am not going to be
24 offering statements for the truth of the matter
25 certainly.

1 MR. RUNNING:

2 Q Continuing with Mr. Wheeler's trip to Washington, did
3 he get specific guidance from either the FDA or the
4 Department of Agriculture about how to set up a
5 feeding program such as this? Were they able to give
6 him that guidance?

7 MR. CARLSON: Objected to as hearsay.

8 THE COURT: Well, I am not sure
9 because -- I guess it is double hearsay. He can --
10 According to the way Mr. Carlson is limiting his
11 objection, I guess the gentleman here can tell us
12 what Mr. Wheeler did or did not do as a result of
13 those visits.

14 MR. CARLSON: I would like the Court --

15 THE COURT: Not what he was told by the
16 government.

17 MR. CARLSON: I would like the Court also
18 to be aware that the fact I have no objection on
19 hearsay grounds does not mean I'm waiving my hearsay
20 objection for future testimony if I think it's
21 appropriate.

22 THE COURT: It's probably a good time
23 anyway to take a break.

24 MR. CARLSON: Okay.

25 THE COURT: The jury has been out here

1 about an hour and 40 minutes.

2 (Recess Had.)

3 (Discussion off the Record.)

4 (Switch in Reporters.)

5 MR. RUNNING:

6 Q Did Monsanto have to write up its own protocols with
7 the help of a consulting firm?

8 MR. CARLSON: Lack of foundation.

9 THE COURT: He can testify that he knows.

10 THE WITNESS: The protocol that was
11 followed was the established protocol used for
12 chemicals which were intended for use in food. This
13 was determined to be as rigid a testing procedure as
14 existed at the time. Although there was no
15 intention of using PCBs in fluids, it was felt that
16 these tests would be most helpful.

17 MR. RUNNING:

18 Q You say there was no intention of using PCB as a
19 food additive. Are the standards for food testing
20 higher or lower than the standards for industrial
21 products?

22 A Much higher.

23 Q Now, we covered the first two steps of the three
24 steps referred to in the memorandum. Is the third
25 step discussed on the next page, Mr. Papageorge?

1 The first paragraph on the second page? Do you have
2 that?

3 A I do.

4 Q Does that describe the third of the three steps that
5 Dr. Richard was proposing?

6 A It does.

7 Q And it reads, "The third step to minimize exposure
8 of Aroclor to reduce air and water pollution, to
9 restrict Aroclor to uses which can be controlled."

10 Can you describe what that third step was, as you
11 were given to understand it?

12 A It consisted basically of two approaches, for those
13 uses which we believe could be controlled with
14 reasonable measures and available measures. The
15 emphasis would be placed on keeping it from escaping
16 to the environment, and when it was no longer
17 useful, to properly dispose of it.

18 On the other hand, those uses for which we did
19 not feel that we could keep it from the environment,
20 such as traffic lane paint, the intent there was to
21 discontinue the use of PCBs in that kind of
22 application.

23 Q Now, does the next paragraph refer to steps taken
24 regarding Monsanto's plans?

25 A It's still in the top paragraph?

1 Q Second paragraph down on Page 2. "I believe we
2 should."

3 A I see it.

4 Q Let me just read it so the record is clear. "I
5 believe we should make sure that our plants have
6 minimum air or stream pollution." It describes
7 Anniston and Krummrich. Does this relate to
8 Monsanto's plant?

9 A Yes, it does.

10 Q This program of minimizing exposure of Aroclor for
11 the air and the water, did that pertain to
12 Monsanto's plant?

13 A Yes.

14 Q The next paragraph relates to incineration. You
15 described the incineration part of the 12-point
16 program as it existed in November of 1969. Is that
17 the same as the incineration program described by
18 Dr. Richard in '68?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Now, he writes, "I believe we should demonstrate
21 that Aroclor can be incinerated to harmless products
22 for disposal." What was the state of technology
23 concerning the incineration of PCBs in December of
24 '68?

25 A There was no known commercial piece of equipment

1 that could take PCBs and destroy them to the
2 ultimate, which would be water, carbon dioxide, and
3 hydrogen chloride.

4 Q Were demonstration projects, therefore, necessary?

5 A Yes, they were.

6 Q The next paragraph refers to, "I believe we should
7 help our customers dispose of offgrade or
8 non-reworkable Aroclor, either by incinerating or by
9 toxic dump." Can you explain what is described
10 here?

11 A The intent there was to assist the customers with
12 PCB containing material that could no longer be
13 recycled or used in any way to offer them a
14 responsible way for disposing of this unuseful
15 material, and the two approaches that were known at
16 the time, or at least it was hoped that they would
17 be responsible, was incinerating, total destruction,
18 or where that couldn't be achieved by placing it in
19 a proper landfill.

20 Q And again, at the end, Dr. Richard writes, and this
21 is something that Mr. Carlson pointed out before,
22 referring to six months to a year while the DDT
23 situation is being fought out. He says, "I want to
24 use this time to minimize our exposure." How did
25 Dr. Richard propose to minimize Monsanto's exposure

1 during that period of time?

2 MR. CARLSON: Objection, hearsay. It's
3 based on what he was told.

4 THE COURT: That is sustained.

5 MR. RUNNING:

6 Q Mr. Papageorge, did your understanding of Monsanto's
7 program, PCB program, in particular, impact the way
8 you conducted your activities beginning in January,
9 1970?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Was it a predicate for your actions?

12 A Yes.

13 MR. RUNNING: Your Honor, I submit that
14 this witness' understanding of Monsanto's program,
15 the year before he assumed the position of manager
16 of environmental control is relevant to this case.

17 MR. CARLSON: It's still hearsay.

18 MR. RUNNING: It's not being offered for
19 the truth of what Dr. Richard believes. It's being
20 offered for the truth of what Mr. Papageorge
21 understood the company policy to be.

22 THE COURT: I have no problem. As long as
23 there is an objection, I have to rule on it, which I
24 have. There is no problem about having this witness
25 tell what he did as a result of what somebody else

1 might have told them, but you can't have him testify
2 as to what somebody else told him. That is the
3 problem.

4 MR. RUNNING:

5 Q Mr. Papageorge, did you assume in conducting your
6 activities beginning in January, 1970, that Monsanto
7 had had a corporate policy of stalling or delaying
8 in 1969?

9 MR. CARLSON: Object to as leading.

10 THE COURT: It is.

11 MR. RUNNING:

12 Q Mr. Papageorge, you were the plant manager at
13 Anniston in December of '68, weren't you?

14 A I was.

15 Q Were you aware of any policy on the part of Monsanto
16 to stall or to delay with regard to the PCB problem?

17 MR. CARLSON: Object to as misleading,
18 Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: It is. There is nothing wrong
20 with the subject. It's the form of the question.

21 MR. RUNNING: Your Honor, I don't know how
22 to broach the subject without identifying it.

23 MR. CARLSON: I'm not going to tell you
24 how to do it.

25 THE COURT: What was the policy in '68, in

1 reference to stalling, if any?

2 MR. RUNNING: All right. I'll adopt the
3 question.

4 THE COURT: That is a non-leading
5 question. We know lawyers. The jury ought to be
6 aware that lawyers love, in every question, to ask a
7 leading question, but they're not allowed on Direct,
8 only on Cross-examination. There is nothing wrong
9 with the subject, at all.

10 MR. RUNNING:

11 Q Mr. Papageorge, I've just adopted the Court's
12 version of the question. Can you answer it?

13 A The policy regarding stalling, if I understood the
14 question correctly, was there would be no stalling
15 regarding any of Monsanto's businesses, on any
16 matters.

17 Q Was Monsanto under pressure in December of '68 to
18 take the three steps identified in Dr. Richard's
19 memorandum, as you understood it, from Anniston?

20 A Absolutely not.

21 Q Mr. Papageorge, I'm going to hand you Defendant's
22 Trial Exhibit No. 1232. Can you identify this
23 document, Mr. Papageorge?

24 A It's a Monsanto memorandum.

25 THE COURT: Dated?

1 THE WITNESS: Dated March 6, 1969. The
2 title is "Aroclor Wildlife Accusations," authored by
3 Dr. W.R. Richard and addressed to Mr. E. Wheeler.

4 MR. RUNNING:

5 Q Is this one of the documents you reviewed when you
6 assumed the position of manager of environmental
7 control?

8 A It is.

9 Q Is this a Monsanto business record?

10 A Yes.

11 MR. RUNNING: Move for its admission.

12 MR. CARLSON: No objection.

13 THE COURT: So received.

14 MR. RUNNING:

15 Q Mr. Papageorge, this memo begins by referring to a
16 recent paper in "Nature Magazine" by Mr. Risebrough.
17 Do you see that reference?

18 A I do.

19 Q Are you familiar with the article?

20 A Yes, I read it.

21 Q Did you read it on or shortly after the time you
22 assumed the position of manager of environmental
23 control?

24 A I certainly read it at that time, as I recall. I
25 may well have read it a few months before that.

1 Q When you were the plant manager at Anniston?

2 A Yes.

3 Q What was the significance of the Risebrough article
4 at the time?

5 A This was the first published paper in which effects
6 on wildlife were documented, alleged as resulting
7 from a PCB exposure.

8 Q Didn't Jensen and Widmark identify that PCBs, they
9 believe were present in wildlife? What is the
10 difference?

11 MR. CARLSON: Well -- never mind. Go
12 ahead.

13 THE WITNESS: Dr. Widmark and Mr. Jensen
14 reported the presence of a material they suspected
15 of being a PCB in many different kinds of samples.
16 Dr. Risebrough's paper not only reports the
17 presence, but he also indicates that he perceives a
18 harm because of that presence.

19 MR. RUNNING:

20 Q Was this the first article to allege a harm due to
21 the presence of PCBs?

22 A That is the first that I'm aware of, yes.

23 Q It's the first you were aware of at the time?

24 A Yes.

25 Q And what harm was Dr. Risebrough identifying in this

1 article?

2 A Primarily the effect on birds, wildlife, wild birds,
3 and their ability to reproduce. Their eggshells
4 were too thin, and they would break.

5 Q Did Dr. Risebrough have a theory at the time as to
6 how this eggshell problem was occurring?

7 A Yes, he did.

8 Q Could you explain the theory?

9 A I'll have to give you a layman's understanding. It
10 has something to do with enzymes produced by the
11 bird and its effect on calcium metabolism and the
12 use of that calcium in building a firm shell.

13 Q Does Dr. Richard describe that theory in a little
14 more detail in Paragraph 2?

15 A Well, he uses some terms there that I suspect would
16 explain it, the expression, "induced hepatic
17 enzymes."

18 Q Does this memorandum give Dr. Richard's initial
19 evaluation of Dr. Risebrough's claims?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Let's turn to Page 2. See the reference to empty
22 and false claims by Risebrough? Was that Dr.
23 Richard's evaluation, initial evaluation?

24 A I don't see it yet here.

25 Q I'm sorry. The very bottom of the last full

1 paragraph on Page 2.

2 A Oh, very bottom. That is Dr. Richard's statement.

3 The use of the word "could" in there indicates --

4 Q It was an initial view?

5 MR. CARLSON: That is leading, Your Honor.

6 I don't mind --

7 THE COURT: Correct. It is.

8 MR. RUNNING:

9 Q Go ahead then.

10 A That last sentence is Dr. Richard's opinion based on
11 his understanding of the situation at that time.

12 Q Was Dr. Richard ultimately proved to be right or
13 wrong?

14 A In this case, I don't know that there is so much
15 right or wrong. In this particular instance, it was
16 later, several years later demonstrated that DDT was
17 causing the egg problem and not PCBs.

18 Q Whether or not Dr. Richard or Dr. Risebrough were
19 right or wrong, does Dr. Richard comment or identify
20 steps that Monsanto was taking at the time with
21 regard to the PCB problem in this memo?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Do you see Paragraph A at the very bottom of Page 1?

24 A I see it.

25 Q "Monsanto is preparing itself to identify trace

1 parts per billion quantities of chlorinated
2 biphenyls in water samples in concentrated collected
3 air samples and in animal tissues. We'll know
4 whether we have been falsely identified and accused
5 or not. We'll eventually know whether any pollution
6 is taking place and the extent of the pollution."

7 Can you describe what this is referring to?

8 A This is referring to the research program by the
9 analytical chemists to develop methods for analyzing
10 for PCBs that were accurate, could detect very, very
11 low quantities of PCBs and could do it with high
12 credibility, so when the number was developed by the
13 chemist, it was believable.

14 Q And what scientist at Monsanto was responsible for
15 this program?

16 A Dr. Keller was the lead scientist.

17 Q And does the second page next to Item C also refer
18 to work that was underway at the time? I'm on Page
19 2, Mr. Papageorge, second paragraph from the top,
20 Item C?

21 A I see it.

22 Q Could you explain what that is in reference to?

23 A This is in reference to Monsanto's testing program
24 using birds as represented by the chicken and
25 animals, as represented by the laboratory rats and

1 fish to determine the effect of PCBs on living
2 creatures.

3 Q Is this the program that Mr. Wheeler was involved
4 in?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Does Dr. Richard's memorandum address the subject of
7 controlling future releases of PCBs into the
8 environment?

9 A Yes, it does.

10 Q And is it this paragraph right here, beginning, "we
11 can take"? Do you see that?

12 A Yes. "We take steps to minimize pollution, yes."

13 Q "We can take steps to minimize pollution from our
14 own chlorinated biphenyl plant." It goes on. I
15 want to address this point by point. Would you just
16 identify, put it in a box? I want to deal with
17 these separately. We'll call it Box 1 and Box 2,
18 Mr. Papageorge. Could you describe what is referred
19 to in Box 1, the steps to be taken to minimize
20 pollution for various facilities?

21 A It refers there, of course, to Monsanto's plant that
22 made the PCBs, and he's also referring there to the
23 large users of PCBs in all of the applications.

24 Q Go on.

25 A I'm sorry. That is what is described in that

1 paragraph.

2 Q "We can continue to set up disposal and reclaiming
3 operations. We can work for minimum disposal in
4 manufacture and disposal of capacitors,
5 transformers, and heat transfer systems, and
6 minimize losses for large hydraulic users."

7 A Yes. This paragraph covers Monsanto's plant where
8 all of the PCBs were made, and it covers the big
9 users, capacitors, transformers, heat transfer
10 system, and hydraulic users. The idea there being
11 to, if you control the big ones, you've taken a big
12 step forward in preventing material entering the
13 environment.

14 Q Now, in Box 2, and this is something Mr. Carlson has
15 read already. Box 2 reads, "but we can't easily
16 control hydraulic fluid losses in small plants." Do
17 you see that, Mr. Papageorge?

18 A I do.

19 Q Why couldn't such losses be easily controlled?

20 A It's primarily because of the many, many plants
21 involved. It's a matter of numbers and
22 communicating with them. It's thousands of plants,
23 which is much more difficult than working with, say,
24 12 or 15 big plants. That makes it more difficult.
25 That doesn't mean it can't be done.

1 Q Were there different distribution arrangements for
2 the large customers as opposed to some of the
3 smaller customers?

4 A Certainly.

5 Q How did that impact the ease of control on the part
6 of Monsanto?

7 A Well, of course, the large users would buy the
8 material in truckloads, if they bought it in drums,
9 or they would buy it in tank cars, the big initial
10 fills and so on. The smaller users could buy it
11 from distributors that were located near his plant.

12 Q Are these Monsanto Company distributors or somebody
13 else?

14 A No, they are selected by Monsanto to sell their
15 products, very much like you walk into the
16 supermarket and you buy an item that is available
17 from that particular store. That is the way these
18 distributors work.

19 Q What happened to that distribution arrangement in
20 subsequent years?

21 A Oh, we discontinued it quickly in 1970.

22 Q Why did you do that?

23 A Primarily because most of the uses of materials sold
24 by distributors were what we call the open-end uses,
25 the paint use, the carbonless copy paper, that sort

1 of use, and we were discontinuing those anyway, and
2 really, the primary reason was that we felt that
3 using a distributor, we lost control.

4 We didn't know where the material was going.
5 We didn't have the customer on any customer list,
6 for example, so we couldn't communicate, so we
7 decided that we'd better fill those orders directly
8 from Monsanto supply warehouses, rather than using a
9 third party.

10 Q If you didn't use an independent distributor to
11 contact the customer after the independent
12 distributors were terminated, who did contact the
13 customer?

14 A Well, we attempted to get from the distributor any
15 customer list he may have generated, but it was not
16 a total success, because many of them didn't keep
17 good records.

18 Q Would Stroh Die Casting Company be considered to be
19 a small plant?

20 A Certainly they're not as big as General Motors or a
21 Ford or General Electric, no. They're not big.
22 They're not very, very small. I would say towards
23 the small size. They're not medium size.

24 Q Now, was there a difference between small plants and
25 big plants, in terms of their spill containment,

1 collection, and disposal capabilities?

2 MR. CARLSON: I object. Lack of
3 foundation. I don't know if this gentleman has been
4 qualified to know how the die cast companies handle
5 it. He may be. I just don't know.

6 THE COURT: I don't know, okay. I don't
7 know if he's ever been to one.

8 MR. RUNNING:

9 Q Mr. Papageorge, did you become familiar with the die
10 casting application along with the other
11 applications for PCB fluids?

12 A To a degree, I did, yes.

13 Q And were you involved in decisions on that subject?

14 A I was.

15 MR. RUNNING: I resubmit the question,
16 Your Honor.

17 MR. CARLSON: I still object. I think
18 there is a lack of foundation. I don't know how we
19 got any information at this point.

20 THE COURT: Well, I guess you'll have to
21 ask him that on Cross-examination.

22 THE WITNESS: Would you help me with the
23 question again?

24 MR. RUNNING:

25 Q Okay. What was the difference between small plants

1 and big plants in terms of their capability to
2 control losses of fluids, in this case, hydraulic
3 fluids into the environment.

4 MR. CARLSON: Just for the record, I'm
5 going to continue my objection on lack of
6 foundation. I understand the Court's ruling.

7 THE COURT: It's overruled.

8 MR. RUNNING:

9 Q If you can generalize, Mr. Papageorge.

10 A I'll try. The size of the operation is not the
11 critical consideration in my opinion. It's a
12 combination of the age of the facility. The newer
13 plants, of course, had more modern facilities, the
14 old plants that were put in old textile plants with
15 oak beams soaked in oil and all, they're much more
16 difficult to keep clean.

17 It's also a matter of the attitude of the
18 management of the plant. How do they perceive the
19 problem, what are they willing to do to do it
20 properly, so size is really not the key factor here.

21 Q Mr. Papageorge, what contact, if any, did Monsanto
22 have with governments and universities in regard to
23 the PCB issue in 1969?

24 A In 1969, it was a growing kind of activity. More
25 and more laboratories were becoming interested.

1 Monsanto was from the very beginning, willing to
2 cooperate.

3 MR. CARLSON: Your Honor. I'm going to
4 object at this point. I think it's hearsay and lack
5 of foundation.

6 MR. RUNNING:

7 Q I'll ask another question. I'm satisfied with the
8 answer. I show you Defendant's Exhibit 1077. Mr.
9 Papageorge, can you identify this as the letter that
10 you reviewed in the course of familiarizing yourself
11 with your job responsibilities in January, 1970?

12 A I can. I remember it.

13 Q Is this a business record of Monsanto company?

14 A Yes.

15 MR. RUNNING: I move for its admission,
16 Your Honor.

17 MR. CARLSON: No objection.

18 THE COURT: So received.

19 MR. RUNNING:

20 Q What was Monsanto's policy in 1969 and 1968,
21 concerning cooperation with the government or
22 universities in respect to the PCB problem?

23 A It was one of total cooperation and free exchange of
24 information between laboratories.

25 Q What does that mean?

1 A Well, it includes such things as the chemist talking
2 to the chemist, using their own language to describe
3 their procedures, to describe their instruments, to
4 describe their findings. It also includes sharing
5 samples, each laboratory sending its sample to the
6 other laboratory, the two laboratories analyzing,
7 then comparing the answers. It was one of
8 encouraging that kind of continuing dialog.

9 Q Now, we've been discussing Dr. Risebrough's article
10 in December of '68. You indicated that was the
11 first indication of harm to wildlife from PCBs. Was
12 there any evidence made known to Monsanto, as of
13 September, 1969, of PCBs being present in aquatic
14 water -- that is redundant by definition, in water
15 causing harm to fish?

16 A Yes. I didn't want to mislead you. Previously Dr.
17 Risebrough's paper was the first published evidence
18 of harm to the environment. There were other
19 indications of not only suspected, but some results
20 from some testing.

21 One of the tests that comes to mind was in the
22 Gulf of Mexico, a Florida laboratory conducted some
23 tests of PCBs and determined that baby shrimp were
24 very, very sensitive to PCBs, and it killed them,
25 the little juvenile shrimp, as they called it, so

1 that was a piece of evidence that indicated that
2 some species are very susceptible to PCBs.

3 Q And what was Monsanto's response to that
4 information?

5 A Well, of course, we were concerned, and we of course
6 included it in all of our thinking, about there is
7 another reason why we shouldn't let it escape to the
8 environment. We cooperated with our laboratory in
9 terms of conducting more studies, and we visited the
10 laboratory. I personally was there, so that was the
11 beginning of a good relationship with a federal
12 government laboratory.

13 Q What was the status of the analytical research
14 program at Monsanto in September of 1969?

15 A In September of '69? They had come a long way to
16 try to describe it in terms of numbers. We were
17 about 90 percent of where we finally ended up in
18 terms of sophistication and developing of methods.

19 Q Was Monsanto at a position where it could help out
20 other laboratories outside the company?

21 A Yes.

22 Q This letter from the State of Wisconsin, dated
23 September 9th, 1969 reads, "We have observed what
24 appears to be polychlorinated bi and triphenyl
25 compounds in fish taken from Lake Michigan and the

1 rivers draining into this body of water. Many of
2 these, as compared with commercial grade products,
3 give the same gas liquid chromatograms as your
4 Aroclor plasticizers." Let's stop there.

5 What is being referred to by the reference,
6 "Aroclor Plasticizers"?

7 A This refers to the PCB product mixture that Monsanto
8 sold under the Aroclor label to be used as
9 plasticizers.

10 Q Was non-contact carbon paper considered to be a
11 plasticizer or the plasticizer group?

12 A In Monsanto's organization, yes.

13 Q What about the highway paint?

14 A That also was in that group.

15 Q It goes on. "We do not at present imply that these
16 are the compounds present, nor do we have data which
17 implicates them as detrimental to fish stocks."

18 Had Monsanto or any other agency identified
19 PCBs as detrimental to fish stocks, as of September,
20 '69?

21 A No.

22 Q Does that mean that Monsanto was not concerned?

23 A No.

24 Q What was Monsanto's response to the request in the
25 third paragraph? I won't read it all, but it

1 requests reference samples, and "we'll be pleased to
2 receive your comments in reference to how we can
3 obtain samples and further appreciate any other
4 information you may be able to give us regarding
5 these compounds in the environment."

6 Do you recall what Monsanto's response was, Mr.
7 Papageorge?

8 MR. CARLSON: I object. Lack of
9 foundation. Possible hearsay.

10 MR. RUNNING: Just transition.

11 THE COURT: I don't know if he knows or
12 not.

13 MR. RUNNING:

14 Q Do you know, Mr. Papageorge?

15 A Yes. Samples were sent and a dialog was started
16 between the two laboratories.

17 Q Let me show you --

18 MR. CARLSON: I'm going to have to move to
19 strike it. That has to be hearsay, Your Honor.

20 THE COURT: This gentleman was the head --
21 oh, no, he wasn't the head.

22 MR. RUNNING: Your Honor, I'll establish
23 the basis for how he knows it.

24 MR. CARLSON: If you establish it, that's
25 fine.

MR. RUNNING:

Q Transition, Mr. Carlson. Defendant's Trial Exhibit
1080. Can you identify this document, Mr.
Papageorge?

THE COURT: 1080?

MR. RUNNING:

Q Yes.

A Yes, I can identify it. It's a letter dated October
14th, 1969, addressed to Dr. Paul E. Degurse. He's
with the Bureau of Fish Management, State of
Wisconsin, and it's authored by Elmer Wheeler,
Monsanto, and attached to that letter is a copy of a
letter by Elmer Wheeler to Dr. Fred Lee, University
of Wisconsin, along with, attached to that letter is
a copy of a working paper on "Mass Spectrometry of
Organo Chlorine Compounds" read by Dr. Widmark of
Sweden.

Q Is this a business record of Monsanto company?

A Yes.

MR. RUNNING: I move for its admission.

MR. CARLSON: No objection.

THE COURT: So received.

MR. RUNNING:

Q Is this one of the records you reviewed in January
of '70, when you familiarized yourself with your job

1 responsibilities?

2 A It is.

3 Q Did Mr. Wheeler respond to Mr. Degurse's request,
4 based on this letter?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And does this letter indicate that, quote, "I've
7 taken the liberty of enclosing a copy of my letter
8 of yesterday to Dr. Lee, which relates to analysis"?

9 A Yes.

10 Q "I have also requested that one-pound samples of
11 Aroclor 1221, 1254, 1268, and 5460 be forwarded to
12 you. If you do not receive these by Friday, October
13 24th, please call me collect" at the number
14 indicated.

15 Is that the basis for your testimony that the
16 request was responded to?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Let's look at the attachments, Mr. Papageorge. The
19 second page, October 13, 1969 letter to Professor
20 Fred Lee at the University of Wisconsin.

21 A I have it.

22 Q Do you have that, Mr. Papageorge?

23 A I do.

24 Q I'm sorry, I didn't hear your answer.

25 A I have it.

1 Q Can you just so identify it on the record? Is it a
2 letter to Professor Lee?

3 A Yes. This is the one I described earlier.

4 Q Okay, and then in identifying this document, is this
5 one of the papers that was sent to both the State of
6 Wisconsin and to Professor Lee? Is this one of the
7 papers? Can you identify it?

8 A Yes, it is.

9 Q And were there additional papers sent in this
10 package?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Okay. Let's look at the first paper. I'm sorry.
13 Does this paper explain the method of analysis used
14 by the Swedish researchers in identifying PCBs in
15 the environment?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Is this another paper that was submitted to the
18 State of Wisconsin and to Professor Lee at the
19 University of Wisconsin in response to their request
20 for information, another paper by Professor Widmark?

21 A It is.

22 Q And this is on "Organo Mercury Residue Analysis?"

23 A Yes, it is.

24 Q And is this another paper that was submitted in that
25 package, entitled "The OECD Study of Analysis of

1 PCBs?"

2 A I can't seem to find my copy here.

3 Q I'll give you the Bates number. It's a thick
4 package. It's SDR 25148. Do you see where the SDR
5 numbers are, Mr. Papageorge?

6 A Yes, I have it.

7 Q Can you confirm that this is one of the papers that
8 was sent to the University of Wisconsin and to the
9 State of Wisconsin?

10 A It is.

11 Q Okay. I've got some subsequent questions on this
12 paper. Now, this was written by who? Can you tell?

13 A It's written by Jensen, Nucci, and Widmark.

14 Q Two of the three scientists who at first identified
15 PCBs in the environment?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Now, the sentence I've highlighted reads, "If these
18 limitations are born in mind, it is clear that
19 quantitative residue analysis of PCB cannot yet be
20 very accurate," unquote.

21 What was your understanding of the accuracy of
22 quantitative residue analysis of PCB as of 1968 or
23 1969, Mr. Papageorge?

24 A I don't recall any specific numbers to describe the
25 accuracy. I do recall that at the time any

1 quantities that were mentioned or written were
2 looked at with a lot of skepticism, because it was
3 -- the methods had not been refined enough to give
4 the necessary confidence that was developed much
5 later.

6 Q Let's turn to the next page of the same paper. Do
7 you see the table that is titled "Analysis of
8 Industrially Used PCB Mixture?"

9 A I do.

10 Q This is again from the Jensen, Nucci, and Widmark
11 paper?

12 A It is.

13 Q And the first column is peak number. Is that just
14 an identification of the peaks on the gas
15 chromatogram?

16 A Yes.

17 Q What is indicated in the middle column? What does
18 that mean, number of chlorines per molecule?

19 A This is the author's opinion on how many chlorines
20 could be associated with the biphenyl to form the
21 peak, as listed in the left-hand column.

22 Q Is this -- when we refer to number of chlorines, are
23 we talking about the one through ten?

24 A Yes, we are.

25 Q Chlorines that can be on a PCB chromatogram?

1 A Yes.

2 Q What is the significance of this table? What is it
3 showing?

4 A This is an attempt to show that for this particular
5 sample, when analyzed by the methods known at the
6 time and quantified by the methods known to them at
7 the time, the authors here are telling us that over
8 in the right-hand column, of the total mixture that
9 percent is represented by the numbers in the
10 right-hand column.

11 For example, Peak No. 1, they say represents a
12 biphenyl with four chlorines, and in their
13 calculations, they say this is 7.4 percent of the
14 total sample, and so on, down the page.

15 Q Peak No. 1 was four chlorines, according to their
16 analysis?

17 A Yes, that's what they said.

18 Q Peak No. 14 was eight chlorines, according to their
19 analysis?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Are there any, one, two, or three chlorine molecules
22 shown on this table?

23 A No.

24 Q Does the table add up to a hundred percent? This is
25 according to their math. Mr. Papageorge, I'm just

1 asking you to refer to the table. I wasn't asking
2 you the math, to confirm the math.

3 A I don't get a hundred, but they show a hundred.

4 Q Okay. What is the significance of the report, of
5 this report indicating environmental samples have
6 from four to eight chlorine molecules -- I'm sorry,
7 four to eight chlorines on the PCB molecules?

8 A Significance?

9 (Switch in Reporters.)

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1 Q Yes.

2 A First it establishes that these mixtures are just
3 that, they are mixtures. They are not single
4 chemicals, that they are made up of members of that
5 family of chemicals, all of which differ from each
6 other in terms of not only their chemical makeup but
7 also their properties. They are different.

8 Q Okay. Mr. Papageorge, as you understood it in 1969,
9 what was the predominant homolog or what was the
10 predominant number of chlorine atoms on the typical
11 PCB molecule in Aroclor 42?

12 A The three-chlorine.

13 Q Would you turn next to Page 25153.

14 A I have it.

15 Q Do you see that this is another paper included in the
16 package from the University of Wisconsin to the State
17 of Wisconsin, the date of the paper being 4-11-68?

18 You are going to have to help me out. Is that an
19 european annotation for dates?

20 A Yes, it is. I read that as November the 4th, 1968.

21 Q Americans put the month first when they abbreviate
22 dates, and europeans put the day first?

23 A That's my understanding, yes, sir.

24 Q Okay. So this would have been dated November 4th,
25 1968. And does this -- This paper is -- What is the

1 subject of this paper?

2 A Subject?

3 Q Yes.

4 A "Determination of the number of compounds which can
5 result from the chlorination of biphenyl, and
6 development of a simple system by which these may be
7 codified."

8 Q Would you turn to the next page of this paper, Mr.
9 Papageorge. Does the top of this page give a
10 calculation of the theoretically possible number of
11 combinations of chlorobenzenes?

12 A That's what it says, yes.

13 Q And does the bottom refer to chlorinated biphenyls?
14 Do you see the last paragraph that I have highlighted
15 on the screen? It's, "Among these 210 theoretically
16 possible biphenyls"; do you see that?

17 A I do, um-hum.

18 Q What does that pertain to?

19 A That refers to the number of chlorinated biphenyls
20 that are possible.

21 Q Let me read part of that paragraph. Quote. "Among
22 these 210 theoretically possible biphenyls the most
23 interesting for us are those that are the most likely
24 products of a degree of chlorination corresponding to
25 a mean of five chlorine atoms per molecule, the most

1 usual in industrial products. Molecules with fewer
2 than four and more than eight chlorines have not been
3 documented by mass-spectrometric analysis." Stop
4 there. What's "mass-spectrometric analysis"?

5 A That refers to a procedure, and I am not an
6 analytical chemist, so I can't describe the
7 instrument -- but the instrument is capable of
8 determining the mass of a molecule, how big it is,
9 and by that the chemist can determine the molecular
10 structure -- how many carbons, how many chlorines,
11 how many hydrogens are involved, so this becomes a
12 very valuable way to confirm what type of material is
13 represented by the peaks and valleys that we talked
14 about earlier.

15 Q Now, this reference to the -- for us the possible
16 biphenyl -- the one that was most interesting to them
17 being the products of a degree of chlorination
18 corresponding to a mean of five chlorine atoms per
19 molecule, did Monsanto have any Aroclor product with
20 a mean that corresponded to five chlorine atoms per
21 molecule?

22 A Yes, sir.

23 Q Is it shown on this table?

24 A Monsanto referred to it as Aroclor 1254.

25 Q Aroclor 1254. And on the table it's indicated

1 pentachlorobiphenyl. What does that mean,
2 pentachloro?

3 A Means five.

4 Q Did Monsanto have a product whose mean degree of
5 chlorination corresponded to three chlorine atoms per
6 molecule?

7 A Yes, Aroclor 1242.

8 Q Or trichlorobiphenyl?

9 A That is correct.

10 Q Mr. Papageorge, I would next like to show you
11 Defendant's Trial Exhibit 1078. Can you identify
12 this document, Mr. Papageorge?

13 A Yes. It's a Monsanto memorandum dated September 11,
14 1969, authored by Mr. Elmer Wheeler, addressed to
15 Howard L. Minckler, and the subject, "Invoice for
16 WARF Institute Study."

17 Q Is this a Monsanto business record?

18 A Yes, sir.

19 MR. RUNNING: I move for its admission.

20 MR. CARLSON: May I just have a moment on
21 that?

22 MR. RUNNING: Sure. Your Honor --

23 MR. CARLSON: Wait. Wait.

24 MR. RUNNING: -- do you show Defendant's
25 Trial Exhibit 1080 as being admitted?

1 THE COURT: Yep.

2 MR. CARLSON: I have no objection, Your
3 Honor, on 1078 to the letter itself -- the
4 memorandum, I guess, of September 11th, 1969. I
5 would object to the report, I think, as I perceive it
6 to be a report, at this time on the grounds it is
7 hearsay, and I don't believe it's part of the learned
8 treatises, although if it is, I can certainly stand
9 to be corrected.

10 THE COURT: Can I see it?

11 MR. RUNNING: Mr. Papageorge?

12 THE WITNESS: Sure.

13 MR. RUNNING: Your Honor --

14 THE COURT: The objection is overruled.
15 This is received over objection. On the third -- no,
16 actually, fourth paragraph it indicates, "A very
17 preliminary report of the...water samples is
18 attached." That indicates that this was part of the
19 business record. Therefore, it's received over
20 objection.

21 MR. RUNNING:

22 Q The first paragraph of this document refers to the
23 Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation Study of Lake
24 Michigan, Mr. Papageorge. Could you describe what
25 that study was?

1 A This was a study which attempted to determine the
2 presence and concentrations of chemicals in Lake
3 Michigan that were chlorinated hydrocarbons. And
4 that included DDT, dieldrin and included also, of
5 course, PCBs.

6 Q Was the study originally a study focusing on
7 pesticides?

8 A Yes.

9 Q And then was it expanded?

10 A Yes.

11 Q How was it expanded?

12 A It's almost by happenstance. They -- In looking for
13 these pesticides, they experienced the same findings
14 that the Swedish researchers did. They found peaks
15 and valleys on their charts that they identified as
16 PCBs, and, therefore, they became very interested in
17 PCB analysis in itself.

18 Q Did they ask Monsanto to participate in that study?

19 A Yes, they did.

20 Q What was Monsanto's response?

21 A We -- We funded some of the study.

22 Q Did Monsanto do anything else aside from providing
23 funding for the study?

24 A We sent them samples again, we had the Monsanto
25 laboratory and the WARF laboratory communicating

1 freely in both directions, and Monsanto
2 representatives visited the WARF laboratory, and
3 representatives from WARF visited Monsanto and worked
4 in each other's laboratories shoulder to shoulder.

5 Q The fourth paragraph indicates that, "More than 500
6 samples were collected by the project study team in
7 June. A very preliminary report of the analysis of
8 61 of the water samples is attached and shows in
9 parts per trillion the level of contaminants found."

10 Continuing with the quote. "In eight of
11 the samples, Aroclor 1254 was identified. In an
12 additional nine samples there was such a spectrum of
13 interfering substances that the original analyses
14 were somewhat confused."

15 What was the significance of the
16 identification of Aroclor 1254 in eight of the
17 samples?

18 A It indicated that PCBs with five chlorines or more
19 were the types that were being found in Lake Michigan
20 samples.

21 Q Aroclor 1254, again, is the product whose most common
22 molecule is five chlorines -- has five chlorine atoms
23 on it?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Is that the same molecule that Messrs. Jensen and

1 Widmark were finding in their environmental samples?

2 A That's right, the two laboratories were essentially
3 seeing the same kind of phenomena.

4 Q And does this map, which is the third page of the
5 exhibit, show the locations of where the samplings
6 had been conducted in June of 1969?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Mr. Papageorge, what Aroclor was used to make Pydraul
9 312?

10 A Aroclor 1242.

11 Q And that's the Aroclor with three chlorine atoms per
12 molecule being the most common?

13 A That is correct.

14 Q I show you Defendant's Trial Exhibit 1081. Can you
15 identify this document, Mr. Papageorge?

16 A Yes. It's dated October 29, 1969, and it's an
17 "Executive Summary" entitled "PCB Pollution."

18 Q Is this a Monsanto business record?

19 A Yes.

20 MR. RUNNING: I move for its admission,
21 Your Honor.

22 MR. CARLSON: It's already in evidence.

23 No objection. I am sorry. It's not in evidence. No
24 objection.

25 THE COURT: It's so received.

MR. RUNNING:

Q Mr. Papageorge, what relationship did the group that wrote the memo you have in front of you have to this 12-point program that you've testified to already that was developed a month later, a few weeks later?

THE COURT: Talking about the task force now?

MR. RUNNING: Yes. I am sorry. I will identify for the record 1082, being the 12-point program.

MR. RUNNING:

Q What relationship did the two groups have?

A The group referred to in that display you just held up, referred to as a task force --

Q If I said "task force," I didn't mean to.

A Well, it -- That group is the one that prepared this executive summary for the individuals that went before the Corporate Management Committee and made the presentation covered by the minutes from which that page came from.

Q Are Corporate Management Committee minutes taken seriously? Or, were they taken seriously in 1969?

A Certainly.

Q Was there a lot of preparation for the meetings?

A Yes.

1 Q Would drafts of presentations be made?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Would the drafts be changed on occasion?

4 A Yeah. Occasionally.

5 Q Would you turn to the page that ends in Bates number

6 91. It's the first page. It wasn't that hard to

7 find. This is the document -- It's hard to see the

8 date, but it's 10-29-69. It's titled "Executive

9 Summary, PCB Pollution."

10 A I have it.

11 Q Mr. Papageorge, I have highlighted two sentences in

12 the third section of the first page titled,

13 "Confirmation of Findings." It reads, "Analysis

14 indicates presence of five and higher chlorinated

15 biphenyls," parentheses, "similar to Aroclor 1254 and

16 1260," close parentheses. "Other Aroclors may

17 contribute, but have not been identified yet," end

18 quote. What significance if any did that finding

19 have to the preparations for the November Corporate

20 Management Committee meeting?

21 A Well, this --

22 MR. CARLSON: Wait. I am going to object

23 at this time. I don't know if he's one of the people

24 that participated in this or if it's something that's

25 been told to him. I just don't have enough

1 information. I am going to object at this time on
2 hearsay or lack of foundation.

3 THE COURT: That's what it sounds like.

4 I don't know. I mean, this gentleman was not in that
5 position at the time. He didn't go into that for
6 another few months. I don't know if he was there or
7 he was told by the man on the street.

8 MR. RUNNING:

9 Q Mr. Papageorge, did you review the records relating
10 to the November, 1969, Corporate Management
11 Committee, which was the committee meeting that
12 formed the mandate for your assignment in January of
13 1970?

14 A I reviewed documents relating to that. I don't know
15 if I saw all of them.

16 Q Did you see this one?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And did your review of the preparation documents help
19 to form your understanding of your mandate in
20 January, 1970?

21 A Yes.

22 Q And did you discuss the preparation for the Corporate
23 Management Committee meeting with the people who were
24 actually involved in the preparations?

25 A Yes.

1 Q And did your discussions with those individuals help
2 to form your understanding of what your role was to
3 be beginning in January, 1970?

4 A Definitely, yes.

5 Q Beginning in January of 1970 what was your
6 understanding concerning the analysis of samples
7 containing PCBs taken from the environment as of the
8 fall of 1969?

9 A The material was being identified as having five
10 chlorines or more per biphenyl and to the chemist
11 resembled Monsanto's Aroclor 1254 and 1260.

12 Q What was your understanding of the significance of
13 that finding? Did it have significance to the
14 environment?

15 A It was certainly significant in that it was there,
16 and since it's a manmade material, it must have come
17 from activities by man. It's not a natural chemical.
18 The fact that it's there also indicated that it
19 wasn't degrading or changing its chemistry in nature.

20 Q Was this -- the finding of the higher chlorinated
21 PCBs in the environment, Aroclor 1254 as you have
22 identified it, was that considered by you to be a
23 serious problem?

24 A Yes, as it related to specific creatures that were
25 known to be affected.

1 Q You have already mentioned sensitive marine life,
2 shrimp, we have talked about predatory species. Were
3 those all concerns that you had in January, 1970?

4 A At that time, yes.

5 Q Did you have concerns about human health effects of
6 the presence of higher chlorinated PCBs in the
7 environment as of January, 1970?

8 A Not at that time.

9 Q Why not?

10 A Well, there was no information, no evidence at all
11 that would indicate that there should be concern.

12 Q How long had PCBs been in use as of 1969?

13 A 40 years.

14 Q Did you have an understanding as to what the main
15 sources of pollution were when you assumed your job
16 responsibilities in 1970, January?

17 A Well, I did have an understanding, yes.

18 Q Let me read to you part of this section from Page 3
19 of the plan.

20 THE COURT: Is this --

21 MR. RUNNING: I am sorry, the Executive
22 Summary. I am sorry. The same document, Your Honor.

23 MR. RUNNING:

24 Q "Main Sources Of Pollution. Difficult to define, but
25 Aroclor 1254 and 1260 are used in electrical devices,

1 heat transfer, plastics, adhesives, coatings, and
2 industrial fluids. Other Aroclors contain minor
3 percentages of five and six-chlorine ring
4 structures." And it goes on to discuss manufacturing
5 plants. What was your understanding of the main
6 sources of pollution for the PCBs, the types of PCBs
7 that had been identified in the environment as of
8 fall, 1969?

9 A My understanding centered primarily on the uses that
10 lend themselves to easy entry into the environment.
11 That included the paints we referred to earlier,
12 caulking materials, the plasticizer use.

13 Q Did you differentiate between the degrees of
14 chlorination of those products, as to which were more
15 persistent?

16 A Certainly.

17 Q And what was your -- what was your opinion on that
18 subject?

19 A Well, the more chlorine, the more persistent.

20 Q And just to be clear, is Aroclor 1254 and Aroclor
21 1260 a high or low-chlorine product?

22 A They're considered the higher chlorinated types.

23 Q Higher than Aroclor 1242?

24 A Certainly.

25 Q Mr. Carlson has read this statement. "Industrial

1 fluids, plastics, coatings and adhesives are very
2 difficult, if not impossible to control. Substitute
3 products needed." Mr. Papageorge, are all the
4 products referred to in that paragraph very difficult
5 if not impossible to control?

6 A There are degrees of difficulty involved here. There
7 is a range described in that particular category.

8 Q Well, let's take them one by one. What about
9 adhesives? How difficult were they to control?

10 A Extremely so.

11 Q Why is that?

12 A Well, they appear on tapes and cartons and boxes and
13 packaging of all kinds. Once it's used and
14 discarded, it's difficult, extremely difficult, to
15 control.

16 Q What about coatings?

17 A Coatings. They fall in that same category, the
18 paints, the lacquers, the varnishes, they -- the
19 coating on that carbonless copy paper that was on all
20 business forms that are tossed into the trash can and
21 go to the local incinerator, and up the stack it went
22 when it was burned improperly. So that was
23 considered impossible to control.

24 Q What about plastics?

25 A Plastics. There again, many plastic uses, as we

1 know, end up in the trash heap and easy entry into
2 the environment.

3 Q What about, finally, industrial fluids?

4 A Industrial fluids. I would suggest that there the
5 difficulty is one of communications. The numbers of
6 installations, throughout the world almost, that
7 Monsanto sold to makes the control difficult. But as
8 I said earlier, it was never perceived to be
9 impossible, just takes a lot more to get it done.

10 Q Let's be specific. This case is about hydraulic
11 fluids.

12 A Um-hum.

13 Q Explain to me, if it's your opinion, why hydraulic
14 fluids are not impossible to control?

15 MR. CARLSON: I object as leading.

16 THE COURT: No.

17 MR. RUNNING: I am not suggesting the
18 answer.

19 THE COURT: He is not suggesting the
20 answer.

21 THE WITNESS: Why are they -- What did
22 you say?

23 MR. RUNNING:

24 Q Why are they not -- I'm using a double negative
25 purposely. Why are they not impossible to control?

1 MR. CARLSON: I object at this point. I
2 don't know if the man has been in a die cast plant,
3 Your Honor, so I object on foundation.

4 THE COURT: He may testify what he knows.
5 You can cross-examine him on that.

6 MR. CARLSON: Okay.

7 THE WITNESS: The use in that type of
8 equipment is such that if a leakage does occur, there
9 are ways to contain it, and it doesn't require
10 sophisticated engineering or the like. All it
11 requires is an attention maybe to good maintenance.
12 Don't let the leak continue longer than necessary.
13 If it does leak, make sure that there is a pan under
14 the pump to trap it. Or if it does get on the floor,
15 make certain it doesn't get into the sewer. Those
16 are just a few examples that come to mind. But it
17 doesn't take high-powered engineering to achieve the
18 control methods that are necessary to keep that
19 material under control.

20 MR. CARLSON: Your Honor, this is a
21 logical stopping point.

22 THE COURT: I was just going to ask.
23 It's a little after 5:00. Monday morning I have got
24 ten matters, I have an eviction at 1:00 o'clock, a
25 scheduling conference at 1:15, and two other matters

1 at 1:30. So why don't you come in at 2:00 o'clock.

2 You all have a good weekend.

3 THE CLERK: All rise.

4 A JUROR: We were wondering just how long
5 we are going to be at it.

6 THE COURT: I don't know. I am getting
7 more pessimistic by the day.

8 A JUROR: Monday morning --

9 A JUROR: Longer than four weeks?

10 THE COURT: It looks like it. It looks
11 like we're going into the fifth week.

12 A JUROR: Okay. Thank you.

13 (Whereupon, at 5:07 p.m. the proceedings
14 were adjourned.)
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