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Dear Jack:

June 27, 1973 Ralston representatives indicated they had detected PCB in fat samples from certain Ralston turkeys, and requested we analyze additional samples for confirming data. On June 28 we received two sets of samples consisting of five samples each.

One set of these samples was described to us as being extracts obtained from fat partially prepared for analysis of PCB content by electron capture gas chromatography, and one set was described as samples of rendered fat.

In telephone conversations between our two companies June 29, we orally transmitted to you the results of our test work on these samples as follows:

EXTRACT SAMPLES

SAMPLE NUMBER	PCB Content ppm
48943	6.0
48948	5.6
49033	14.9
49034	8.2
49035	6.3

RENDERED FAT SAMPLES

SAMPLE NUMBER	PCB Content ppm
48943	5.9
48948	5.7
49033	17.6
49034	8.0
49035	5.4

Our analysis indicates the PCB in the samples is an Aroclor 1260 type product.

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No details were given to us by Ralston about the birds from which the samples were taken, their present location, or your plans for them. You indicated that if our work confirmed your findings you planned promptly to take such action as might be indicated.

I have asked that Phocion S. Park, an attorney from Monsanto, contact you today to discuss this situation.

Sincerely,

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