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Mr. Paul DeFalco, Jr.
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region IX
100 California Street
San Francisco, California 94111

Dear Mr. DeFalco:

I have been asked to respond to your letter addressed to Mr. E. J. Bock, asking for certain information regarding sales of polychlorinated biphenyls by Monsanto and Central Solvents and Chemicals in the Los Angeles County area. I know that you have discussed this by telephone with Mr. W. B. Papageorge and I have reviewed the situation with him.

It has always been Monsanto's policy not to divulge the names of our customers for the products we make, nor the quantities of products these customers purchase. We consider this to be proprietary information and therefore hold it confidential. Consequently we do not feel free to comply with your request for data on customer names and quantities purchased.

On the other hand, last November we did release to governmental agencies, including the EPA, Monsanto's total production and sales figures on PCB's for the years 1960 through 1971. These statistics have been released publicly and earlier this year we discussed them in detail with members of the scientific

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community and with representatives of the Washington multi-agency PCB task force of which EPA is a member. For your ready reference I am enclosing a copy of this information.

We certainly share your concern and desire to control the discharge of PCB's into the environment. It is because of this concern that we implemented a program of self-imposed curtailment of sales of these products so that now we are only offering continuing supplies for closed system dielectric applications where the potential danger of environmental contamination is carefully controlled.

Furthermore, as another step in safeguarding the environment we have informed all customers of PCB materials of the potential dangers should these materials escape and have strongly urged them to take every precaution to prevent losses through spills, usage, leakage, disposal, vaporization or otherwise.

I regret we cannot comply with your request for customer information but if we can be of assistance to you in other ways we will be glad to visit you or your designees to discuss the PCB situation further.

Sincerely,

W. R. Corey, Director
Functional Product Groups

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Charles H. Sommer/Monsanto

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