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Mr. Will Lepkowski
McGraw Hill - Business Week
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Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Lepkowski:

As you requested in our phone conversation the other day, I am sending you some background material on Monsanto Company's program to control escape of PCB (polychlorinated biphenyl) to the environment.

The items are as follows: 1) Our news release dated July 16, 1970; 2) a letter to customers dated February 18 alerting them to the potential environmental problem; 3) some general background on the manufacture and use of PCB; biodegradation studies and toxicity studies, and 4) fact sheet on how to control leakage in heat-transfer systems.

If you have any questions on this material or the general subject of PCBs, please call me at (314) 694-2891 and I'll do my best to be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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