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Gentlemen:

As one of our research programs we are investigating the sources of PCB and other persistent organic chemical inputs to the marine environment and their subsequent distribution, degradation, and accumulation in segments of the marine ecosystem. It would be helpful to us if you could explain in more detail the statement attributed to Monsanto by Carl Gustafson in a footnote to his paper, "PCB's - prevalent and persistent," which appeared in volume 4, Environmental Science and Technology, page 814, October 1970.

I am particularly interested in finding out if there was a significant decrease in sales of PCB's subsequent to August 30, 1970; what kind of customer uses were no longer supplied because disposal of the end products could not be controlled; and what kind of controls are possible for sales which are continuing. I believe this information would be particularly helpful to us in accounting for various amounts and sources of input to the marine environment prior to and since August 1970.

Sincerely,

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