To Ed
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June 29, 1971

Mr. Gene Dally
Assistant Division Director-Milk
Department of Agriculture
Agriculture Building Capitol Square
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Mr. Dally:

I believe there has been a misunderstanding on your part concerning the contaminated silos of Mr. Carlton, R. M. Patterson and the Progressive Land Development Company.

Montoagle Silo Company, Inc., did not build these aforesaid silo-therefore, Montoagle Silo Company, Inc., has no responsibility to attempt to correct the situation other than any moral responsibility we might feel to anyone using silos and silage products.

I consulted with some of the chemist of Monsanto Chemical Company, as well as some of your own chemists last summer in search of an answer to Mr. Carltons' problem. No one would give me any guaranteed solution to decontaminate said silo; their best suggestion was to go inside the silo and sandblast away one eighth inch to one quarter inch of the silos inside wall surface then replaster the entire inside surface with a cement and sand mixture.

I then contacted Mr. Carlton and told him what they had suggested to me and we entered into an agreement with Mr. Carlton to do this at our cost, as we were interested in correcting his problem or the problem of anyone else in our related field. Mr. Carlton agreed on this and we proceeded to attempt to decontaminate the silo by the method outlined previously.

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To date I have heard no word from Mr. Carlton on the sucess of the operation nor have I received any of the payment agreed upon.

I personally called on Mr. Cornelious Smith, Progressive Land Development Company, Leesburg, Georgia, during a vacation with my family to Florida. I explained the situation to Mr. Smith and asked that he take scrapings from the wall and mail them to me and that I would in turn, turn them into your laboratory for inspection. This was sometime last summer. I received no word from the Progressive Land Development until Friday, June 18, 1971. They informed me at that time that you had told them the Carlton operation was successful and they would like the same thing done to their silo.

I explained to them that Monteagle Silo Company, Inc., had no liability involved but if necessary we would attempt to to help them with their problem on a charge basis; however Southeastern Silo Company, Augusta, Georgia, is located closer to them than are we and therefore should be able to do the same thing more economically. Mr. Don Rishor, Southeastern Silo Company, serves on the board of directory of the National Silo Association, as do I, and we are both concerned with the problems of silo users in these areas.

I also talked with Mr. R.M. Patterson, Douglasville, Georgia, last summer about the contamination problem in his silos. He explained to me that he very probably is going out of the dairy business and he might not seek a solution to the contamination problem. I have since then heard no more from Mr. Patterson concerning this problem.

I hope this somewhat clarifies our position on these silos and also informs you that we have made some effort to help the people with contamination problems. If we can be of any fuhther assistance, pplease advise.

Sincerely,

Charley Boswell
Vice-President

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