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Dear Mr. Fullerton:

Upon receipt of your letter of March 4, 1971, regarding Aroclor residue of 3.35 found on Chick Haven Farms, North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, we requested a member of our staff to work with a representative from North Carolina State University on the problem. Frankly, this team was unable to uncover anything specifically, however, upon investigation of the above subject, it was found that in the growing house, the chickens were picking a plastic cover on the windows. Analysis of this plastic revealed that it contained 83 PPM Aroclor. Analysis of bakery by-products indicated traces of Aroclor.

The following recommendations were made to the grower and miller: (1) to remove plastic or make it inaccessible to chickens and (2) to specify that bakery by-products meet AAFCO standards which would preclude plastic and cellophane contamination of the product.

We are continuing to study this problem in an effort to uncover any additional information.

Cordially,

James A. Graham

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