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Dr. E. H. Reynolds
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Dear Dr. Reynolds:

Mr. Papageorge passed on to me your letter of February 25th concerning the toxicity of PCBs since he is no longer involved with PCBs.

In regards to Dr. Kimbrough's work, she is not carrying on her research under our guidance. Dr. Kimbrough is just one of many that are investigating the effects of the various polychlorinated biphenyls on animals, fish, wildlife, and whatever else seems appropriate. A number of the studies are supported by grants from our government.

Monsanto also conducted a two-year chronic oral toxicity study with Aroclor 1260 in Albino Rats. This study was carried out by Bio-Test Laboratories Inc. of Chicago, Ill. in 1970-1971. Their conclusion was "Aroclor 1260 does not appear to be carcinogenic in rats for two years at levels up to and including 100 ppm". Other pathologists have recently reviewed the Bio-Test results and agree with their conclusion.

We have no objection to CIENE publishing an objective appraisal of the PCB position. In fact we welcome all factual publications and work with people to make sure they have the correct information. Enclosed is a copy of our press release and a paper we put together concerning the PCB issue.

You are correct. In the United States there is a move to ban the manufacture and use of PCBs. Our position and that of EPA is the same. We will discontinue the manufacture of PCB products as soon as there are acceptable alternate dielectric fluids available. When this will happen is still uncertain but we as are many others are working hard to find a workable acceptable alternate dielectric fluid.

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Today there are several states that have proposed legislation to ban the sale and use of PCBs except for closed or sealed electrical systems. We expect this to spread to other states. We agree with this legislation as this has been Monsanto's position since 1970.

I would appreciate receiving a copy of anything you may be publishing on PCBs. If we can be of any more help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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