THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY

P.O. BOX 1847
2040 DOW CENTER
MIDLAND, MICHIGAN 48640

517-636-1000
-4263

October 8, 1971

Mr. Cleveland Lane
B. F. Goodrich Chemical Company
3135 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Bud:

Here is a letter from Heck with quite a kicker in the last paragraph. We will probably have discussed this on the phone before you receive it.

The pertinent question in responding is whether we let the issue of PCB and other plasticizers be joined between Dow and Heck and go down that path, or whether we structure the discussion so it takes place between Heck and Monsanto and/or the FDA.

At any rate, I think our common objective continues to be one of keeping PCB out of the October 26 hearing and dealing with it separately. Charley Badder is working on this with the Committee Chairman, E. D. O'Brien, as well as George Graff. We're noodling the alternatives, and will want to compare notes with you early next week on what the response should be. I can only surmise that Heck and Rep. Smith would like to bring up the PCB issue October 26 in order to cast a shadow over the issue, which otherwise I think can be laid to rest (sans PCB). I think they realize they may need the PCB issue in order to sustain their position.

I'm also attaching a copy of the recent FDA press briefing on PCB in case you haven't seen it.

Perhaps we can resolve our approach in New York on Wednesday if not before. The structure of the October 26 meeting as laid out by Lin Crider's letter of October 5 looks real good to me.

Regards,

Tom

Thomas D. Sinclair
Communications Manager
Plastics Department

bw

DSW 281998

STLCOPCB4063326