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Mr. Larry G. Crowe
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Dear Mr. Crowe:

Appreciate the opportunity you gave to meet with your pollution group and discuss various approaches which can be taken to prevent environmental pollution. Many thanks for arranging this meeting.

Have looked into several topics which arose during this visit and would appreciate your passing information on to the appropriate people.

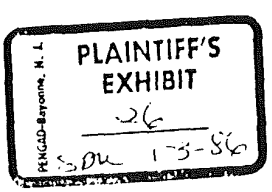
You asked for pricing information on Pyranol A13E3B in 60 lb. cans and 360 lb. drums effective January 1, 1971. This information will be supplied by the Atlanta Office and hopefully you have received it by this date. If not, please contact Alice Keen in that office.

Mr. Bethel inquired as to whether or not the W.G.K. Plant can return the heavy duty drums purchased for Pyranol scrap. Understand that you have 200 of these drums recently purchased and plan to transfer scrap from your tank car. Our plant reports that they do not have facilities to handle drums and return them to the customer. Perhaps we will have this capability in future but present handling methods and cost are prohibitive.

There are two other approaches which might be used to get scrap from Rome to Sauget, Illinois.

1. The old Pyranol car you purchased from Monsanto is road worthy according to our tank car coordinator. It is mechanically sound but may be necessary to do some minor repairs prior to returning scrap to us. Suggest you call a railroad inspector requesting inspection of this car. He will let you know if some correction must be made prior to shipment. You will have to register this tank car with the department of transportation.

   Apparently the reason you were told that this car could not be used was because you cannot ship this car with Monsanto's



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tank car number on it. Should you have questions about conditioning this car and obtaining a registration number please feel free to contact Harold Hail, of Monsanto's Corporate Distribution Office in St. Louis. He is familiar with requirements and will be happy to assist you.

By copy of this letter I am asking Paul Benignus to check the cost involved in having our W.G.K. Plant clean out this car so that they can fill it for return shipment with Aroclor 1254 for your transformer formulations. If we can do this for you it will make your disposal more economical.

2. The W.G.K. Plant does have a tank trailer which they have offered to let you use to return scrap Pyranol for incineration. Likewise will have to check feasibility of cleaning out this 4,000 gal. tank trailer and shipping Aroclor 1254 to you. Of course, the electrical properties are most important and such a practice would depend on maintenance of these properties as well as cost of cleaning tank trailer.

Have been in touch with Rollins Purle regarding your scrap Pyranol and they have promised a quote on mineral oil/Pyranol scrap material. It has been their practice to charge on the bases of chlorinated hydrocarbon % - mineral oil %. Rollins Purle will have to have a sample of your material before they can supply a firm bid. However, have asked for an approximate estimate for a range of contamination and they are now working on this. Of interest is fact that Rollins Purle now has their Baton Rouge, La. incinerator operating and it is much closer to your plant than the one in New Jersey. Will let you know as soon as I hear something on price from Rollins Purle.

Have asked Bill Papageorge to send the methodology for determination of PCB content in water to Jim Kenney.

Copy of Don Olson letter and Monsanto press releases concerning PCB environmental pollution problem have been sent to Frank McCann by W.B. Papageorge per Franks request.

A blueprint copy of the W.G.K. Plant settling basin will be sent to Don West by our Production Supervisor at that plant.

Finally, have checked with Ed Raab concerning our discussions regarding pollution and he okays my working with you. However, he has asked to be carboned in on any correspondence and I have promised to keep him appraised of our activities. You will be hearing from him requesting that all liquid and solid scrap information be sent to his attention in Pittsfield.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

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