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Mr. W.B. Papageorge, Manager
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Monsanto Industrial Chemicals Company
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Re: PCB Statement

Dear Bill:

This will confirm our telephone conversation of last week regarding the above matter.

After our discussion, I called the appropriate business involved and requested a copy of the document to which you referred (dated May 11, 1972).

The memo in question was prepared by one of our marketing people and distributed to our regional sales people (some 26 persons). As you noted, it states as follows: "The new Occupational Safety and Health Act has placed a restriction on the use of PCB also known as Askarel and Archlor due to health hazards to humans . . ." As you and I both know, the statement is misleading and incorrect. There is no authority under the Act to ban products or impose any limitations on products. Its sole intent is to assure safe working consitions.

I have asked the author of the memo to send a corrective document to those who received the original memo. In addition, he will send a corrected statement to any sources outside of Dow Corning who may have seen or received the memo. This will, of course, include Westinghouse.

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I appreciate your calling the matter to my attention and apologize for any inconvenience it may have caused Monsanto. Please realize that Dow Corning intends always to maintain the highest of credibility standards.

Very truly yours,

DOW CORNING CORPORATION

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