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1 A Yes.

2 Q Doctor, one of the derivatives of these chlorophenols
3 is Lysol, isn't it, sir?

4 A Well, it depends on which product.

5 Q Now Doctor, did you understand my question?

6 A Yes.

7 Q One of the sources of contamination of the environment
8 with polychlorinated dibenzodioxins is Lysol, isn't it, sir?

9 A Well, I don't know whether it is a significant contributor
10 or not.

11 Q Doctor, did I use the word "significant contributor"?

12 A No, sir.

13 Q What did I say, Dr. Dost?

14 A You said one of the contributors.

15 Q Yes, and could you answer that question, please, sir?

16 A Which Lysol, of course?

17 Q Dr. Dost, you do know that Lysol contains dioxin, some
18 of the Lysols on the market contain dioxin, don't you, sir?

19 A If it is the chlorophenols, I've heard that, I've seen
20 some information.

21 Q You've heard that from Monsanto.

22 A Yes, I've seen data.

23 Q You've seen data. Doctor, where did you see the--did
24 a Monsanto official tell us that Lysol contains dioxin?

1 A I have not spoken to any Monsanto officials.

2 Q Then I take it a Monsanto official did not tell you
3 that, is that correct, sir? Is that the answer to my question?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Did one of the attorneys for Monsanto tell you that
6 Lysol contains dioxin?

7 A I was provided information by attorneys that described
8 some of that information.

9 Q Let me ask you again, Doctor, did one of the attorneys
10 for Monsanto tell you that Lysol contained dioxin?

11 A Well, I guess that would amount--yes.

12 Q Who was that attorney?

13 A I don't really remember who it was.

14 Q What attorneys have you had contact with that have
15 discussed the facts of this case with you?

16 A Well, Mr. Heineman, of course, Mr. Ryder, Miss Rudolf.

17 Q How about Mr. Nassif?

18 A Mr. Nassif is an attorney for Monsanto. I've discussed
19 it obviously with Mr. Nassif.

20 Q So it is one of those four lawyers told you that Lysol
21 contains dioxin, is that correct, sir? Or gave you the documents
22 that told you that Lysol contains dioxin, is that right, sir?

23 A Yes.

24 Q How long ago did you get this information, sir?

1 A I don't know. It's been quite a long time.

2 Q Now, did they also tell you that Dr. Kilgore was told
3 by a Monsanto official that Lysol contains dioxin?

4 A I haven't heard that.

5 Q Are you aware of the fact that Dr. Kilgore testified in
6 this case, sir, that he was told by an official of Monsanto's
7 that Lysol contains 2,3,7,8 TCDD?

8 A I wasn't aware of that.

9 Q But you got the same information from another source,
10 did you not, sir?

11 A Apparently, similar information, at least.

12 Q Now, Doctor, the fact that the particular can that you
13 have in front of you or could you get the Plaintiff's and
14 Defendant's little cans of Lysol out? I think there may be two
15 or three of them. Yes, one is a Monsanto, that's right. Now,
16 Doctor, each of these exhibits, that is, 487--874A and 1194, you
17 recognize as Lysol that you can buy in the supermarket?

18 A Yes.

19 Q And there are a lot of other Lysols that you can
20 buy in the supermarket, aren't there, sir?

21 A Yes.

22 Q And do you know just when the Exhibit 1326 and 1327 were
23 purchased or were acquired?

24 A I have no idea.

1 Q I take it you weren't part of buying it?

2 A No, sir.

3 Q You weren't told by the lawyer where they got them or
4 when they got them?

5 A No, sir.

6 Q You do know that sometime after this, after the Sturgeon
7 spill took place that Monsanto quit making Santophen because the
8 maker of Lysol went to the--what you would call the quats and
9 no longer uses Monsanto's Santophen, you do know that, don't you,
10 sir?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And it would be therefore likely that the Lysol that you
13 would buy today from the store, it would be likely that it does
14 not contain Monsanto's base product, wouldn't it, sir?

15 A I would think so, yea.

16 Q But do you know how many years the Monsanto based product
17 was used to manufacture Lysol and sold to the American public
18 prior to the time Monsanto quit making Santophen?

19 A No, sir, I don't know how long.

20 Q Doctor, didn't you discuss that issue with the attorneys
21 that gave you the information, or wasn't the information in the
22 documents that you got?

23 A Yes, it was, but I don't remember the time line.

24 Q Doctor, you know that it's been many, many years, don't

1 you, sir?

2 A For a substantial period, yes.

3 Q And all during that period of time you know that the
4 Lysol contained dioxin, don't you, sir? Up until the time
5 they quit using the Monsanto product?

6 A Yes.

7 Q And, Doctor, all for those many years, if TCDD has a
8 half life of 4.95 years as Poiger and Schlatter suggest, that
9 would mean that the Lysol contaminated with TCDD could be, that
10 TCDD could yet be in the bodies of the people living today,
11 couldn't it, sir, if they got TCDD from exposure to Lysol, say,
12 in 1979?

13 A If they had exposure and if it is correct, yes.

14 Q Now, the 1979 exposure, that Lysol that they got in 1979
15 would, half of it would still be in there today, sir, if this
16 exhibit is correct.

17 A If that is correct, yes.

18 Q And a quarter of that which they got in 1974 would still
19 be there, wouldn't it, sir?

20 A Yes, if that's correct.

21 Q And the 12 and a half percent of that which they got in
22 1969 would still be there?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And six percent of that which they got in 19--whatever,