Monsanto
CANADA LIMITED

FROM LaSalle, Que.

DATE July 21st, 1970.

SUBJECT Canadian P.C.B. Situation

REFERENCE

cc. H.S. Bergen ✓
J. Mason
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TO William Papageorge

St. Louis.

Bill in reply to your memo of July 15, requesting

(1) Status of P.C.B. study by Ontario Water Resources Commission
(2) Copy of our trip report to O.W.R.C.
(3) Copies of letters mailed to Canadian customers.

Please find attached the trip report and the customer mail outs. With regards to the status of OWRC's PCB study, I think it would be correct in saying (1) O.W.R.C. are still extremely active and are busy checking the effluent from the majority of customer's plants which we indicated were users on the customer mailing list supplied to them; (2) O.W.R.C. are preaching the harmful effects of P.C.B. and we are not completely satisfied that their statements are correct or perhaps they are interpreted wrongly. They are also preaching the need for exceptional control of leakage and waste disposal. They have not put out an official statement concerning their use. We have approached O.W.R.C. and the Ontario Department of Energy & Resources (Waste Management Branch) to supply us with locations suitable for dumping solids containing P.C.B's. We have also shipped 5 drums of Pyranol to St. Louis as a test case in order to determine if a duty will be applied on used P.C.B's entering the U.S. for disposal or reclaiming. No answer on either point is available to date.

The local press are reflecting Ryans statements and Toronto newspapers are headlining reports with "Spray Off Market" & "Chemical Causing Possible Birth Defects Removed" but to date we have seen no evidence in the press on Mr Minekler's rebuttal.

Customers and distributors have been advised of the Aug. 30th deadline on the plasticizer Aroclors but with surprisingly little reaction.

Some rumours originating through improper communications between Canadian subsidiaries and their U.S. Parents as to the total fluids and Aroclor plasticizer line being removed have been dispelled.

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I believe we are still sitting on a powder keg but are following with as much detail as possible the steps that M.C. are taking to prevent an explosion.

Best regards,

JHB:fnb

J.H. Brydon.

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