[illegible]
[illegible] Uneno

TO Mr. W. B. Papageorge
St. Louis

Dear Mr. Papageorge:

I am now writing this letter, recalling that you were so kind as to look after me when I visited Anaconda Plant in 1969. At that time I was Plant Manager at Yokkaichi but I am working at MMK's Head Office in Tokyo, responsible for all matters relating to environmental problems. Therefore I am keenly interested in what you are doing for [illegible] pollution abatement program.

Anti-pollution regulations are becoming stricter and [illegible] in Japan with establishment of a new government [illegible] "Environmental Agency". The current circumstances [illegible] that firms and plants have to tackle environmental [illegible] planing top priority on "non-earning" pollution abatement projects in an effort to meet legal and social requirements.

Since the end of last year PCB has been brought up [illegible] ally by journalism for its accumulation in soil and [illegible] it became a subject for discussion in the spring session [illegible] the National Diet. Under these circumstances the Government compelled to react somehow or other has taken budgetary [illegible] so that necessary studies and tests can be conducted by [illegible] of Science and Technology, Ministry of Health and Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, National Hygiene Laboratory and some university research laboratories [illegible] control legislation.

MONS 099883

We, one of the PCB manufactures, are deeply concerned about these moves of the governmental agencies which may eventually lead to a strict control over PCB. This will have a grave bearing upon MMK's PCB business which will present a serious problem to our management.

With this background, we have decided to send Mr. Ueno, Director of Technical Matters, Division C and Mr. Katayama, Manager of Marketing, Division C to Monsanto for the following purposes:

1. To keep ourselves better informed of Monsanto's course of PCB business through discussions with you and other people concerned;-

2. To obtain data on substitutes for conventional PCB's which may be considered to be "pollution-free";

3. To discuss the developmental status of new derivatives of biphenyl, terphenyl, etc.

Their assigned duties are to get as much information as possible from Monsanto so that MMK management can make a thorough-going review of the situation for a decision-making on the future course of MMK's PCB business. What I would like to emphasize here is that we need evidential data to the effect that PCB substitutes newly developed by Monsanto, such as MCS 1016 and 1043, are far less pollutant than the conventional PCB's in such respects of toxicity, bio-degradation, etc. Such data are really indispensable for us to persuade the governmental authorities and to attract users' attention to the new products.

It would be greatly appreciated, if you would give Ueno and Katayama whatever help you could arrange during their visit with Monsanto.

I do hope that their trip will be a fruitful one.

My kindest regards.

Yours very sincerely,

K. Murakami
Managing Director

Hiri

MONS 099884