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Mr. Harold Bavley, P. E. Director
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Dear Mr. Bavley:

On Tuesday, April 20, 1976, I visited your office for the purpose of reviewing all information which had been accumulated relative to a review of the incidence of cancer among former Monsanto-Springfield employees.

Since you were not present, I met with Mr. Leonard Pagnatto, who provided me with a listing of 320 names of alleged Monsanto-Springfield employees, 60 death certificates, plus copies of certain memoranda on this matter.

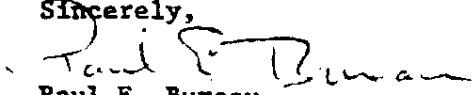
I was extremely surprised and disappointed that the file contained no background analysis relating to Dr. Lewis' review and his preliminary conclusions relating to the incidence of cancer of former Monsanto-Springfield employees. In view of the comments which Dr. Lewis has apparently made to the news media, I expected the file to contain a substantially greater amount of information and reasoned analyses. We are very concerned over any allegations suggesting that hazardous conditions exist at our plant site and feel they should not be made unless supported by sound analysis and documentation.

Presently we are engaged in a joint and cooperative effort directly with NIOSH to study the incidence of cancer among former Monsanto-Springfield employees. Further, we are deeply interested in maintaining a healthful and safe environment for our employees and, therefore, it is important that all information concerning this matter reach us directly and immediately.

Therefore, I am again requesting that you immediately collect any and all such background analysis, etc. which relates to this subject and advise me as soon as this has been accomplished so we can make arrangements to receive same.

I will be awaiting to hear from you on this important subject, and meanwhile we will continue to cooperate directly with NIOSH on this matter.

Sincerely,


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