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Edward J. Bock
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RE: Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB)

Dear Mr. Bock:

I am compiling a report which I will (hopefully) distribute to some selected legislators and others. I plan this report to show not only why it is prudent to eliminate or greatly restrict use of PCB, but also that a number of people agree with this cut-down, and a number of major companies will give it their support. I am trying to show as conclusively as possible, that we should eliminate use of PCB in the US (as they have tried to do in Japan, and the United Kingdom) because of its toxic and other unwanted effects, which are rather destructive to the natural environment. I feel that we can live, and live at our present standard without the use of PCB, and its subsequent destruction of our surroundings.

Naturally, I hope to include Monsanto Company in my list of 'companies willing to support a PCB phase-out.' I feel that Monsanto's tremendous research facilities give it a big economic advantage if PCB is reduced. You seem to me to be the most likely to come up with appropiate substitutes and other helpful measures. I know you are the largest producer of PCB in the US (and probably the world), so if I could have your support, it would be probably the most effective and encouraging statement in my report.

I know that in a report of this kind, it would be very easy to depict the "big bad Monsanto Co. who doesn't care about anything except profits" as the villian in the battle for a clean environment. That is exactly what I do not want to do, because I want to convince others to eliminate PCB, not destroy every company who doesn't say they'll spend half their profits on pollution control. If I can give a fair, believable story of how other companies are trying to phase-out PCB, I feel that will be more effective in convincing executives, than any name calling or dirt-throwing.

Enclosed is a list of specific items of interest to me, which probably will also be included in my report. I would greatly appreciate it if you, or someone else in your company could answer these questions. But even more appreciated would be a letter stating Monsanto's position on the phasing-out of PCB.

Sincerely,

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Enclosed with letter of Sept/19, 1972 to Mr. Bock, Monsanto Co.

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To whom it may concern:

The following is a list of some areas of concern to me in connection with PCB. I am compiling a report on PCB, and would greatly appreciate the following information from the Monsanto Company.

Information concerning any past, present, or planned phase-out of PCB within the company
Information concerning any difficulties encountered and how (if ever) overcome, any cost increases, any loss of quality, or time, etc. due to a phase out of PCB

Any information relating to the company's opinion on selling PCB to other companies, notably, is Monsanto trying to cut down here, or planning to, is information supplied with the sale or recieval of the goods that PCB is dangerous to the envirnment if it leaks out, and therefore caution should be taken to prevent leaks, etc.

Information on studies conducted by Monsanto into replacements for PCB in any and all areas where it is used, including technical details which may be helpful to other companies in considering using the replacements instead of PCB ~~xxxx~~ obviously, I do not expect patented information, yet, anything which may be helpful is appreciated, ~~xx~~ as great a detail as possible.

Information on other technical advances which show promise of eliminating PCB in certain situations by eliminating the component which uses PCB, and using a new, improved component, which does not use PCB

Anything else of a general or specific nature concerned with PCB. Remember that I plan to show my report to selected legislators and hopefully company executives, to convince them to help eliminate or restrict PCB.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Mr. Bock:

I see that I neglected to mention in my letter that I could send you a copy of my report, when it is completed (hopefully in December?). Unfortunately, it may cost me a small fortune (at least what I consider a small fortune) so please do not request copies for others. I hope to be able to pay for all copies myself, but if the number of copies is x large, I may not be able to.

Please reply in your letter whether you do or do not wish a copy, as otherwise you may not x get one due to the hassles of getting it all put together and finished on time.

Thank you.

Diane.

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