

# Monsanto

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SUBJECT: NCI Study of PCB

*PCB*

REFERENCE:

TO R.C. Isham, B1ND

*Carcinogenesis*

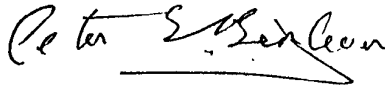
With reference to your memorandum of May 19, 1978, concerning the above mentioned subject, the first 2 statements suggested by you are too strong and if released to the public, might generate objections from NCI. I suggest a slight modification of your third suggested statement so that it will read:

"There is no conclusive evidence that PCB's cause cancer. The National Cancer Institute recently completed a 2-year feeding study with a Monsanto PCB (AROCLOL 1254) to rats. In a news release from the National Institutes of Health, it was stated that according to a summary of that report the PCB was not carcinogenic under the test conditions."

I enclose a copy of the NIH news release.

You may wish to modify the statement slightly for media adaption, but if I understand you correctly, you want to say what NCI said not merely express Monsanto's opinion. For this reason statements such as, "NCI has determined that Monsanto's PCB is not carcinogenic in a 2-year animal feeding study" should be avoided.

I am requesting advice from a statistician concerning some of the statements in the NCI report.



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