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Dear Mr. Winnert:

Your letter of December 13, 1972 to our Mr. H. S. Bergen has been passed to me for reply. Since we entered into an agreement with your firm on the Special Undertaking by Purchasers of Polychlorinated Biphenyls we believe there have been two developments which, in our opinion, are favorable.

Firstly, in May 1972 the governmental Inter-agency Task Force on PCBs published a report which in essence supported the voluntary sales restrictions placed on PCBs by Monsanto Company. This Task Force report supported the continued sale of PCBs to the dielectric industry but recommended against sales for other uses. This report (COM-72-10419) is available from the National Technical Information Service, U.S. Department of Commerce, Springfield, Va. 22151.

Secondly, Monsanto Company made a presentation to the Interdepartmental Task Force on PCBs in Washington on May 15, 1972. A copy of our presentation is enclosed. The key part of this presentation was our observations that PCBs do degrade in the environment. Furthermore, we have eliminated the use of Aroclor® 1260, a PCB high in less-degradable hexachlorobiphenyl and higher homologs, from transformer fluid blends. Formerly it was present in Pyranol A13B3B.

We hope this information will be helpful in your negotiations with your insurance brokers.

Very truly yours,

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