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Dear Marilyn:

Enclosed is a list of former Monsanto employees who are eligible to participate in the Northwestern/Monsanto health study and who were also included in the NIOSH Dioxin Registry. Actually, the list only contains a subset of the study population from the Northwestern/Monsanto health study, and more specifically former employees who we have not been able to locate. Hopefully, you will be able to provide us with additional vital status information, since the knowledge that any of the former employees have recently died will be very helpful. If you do determine that any of the employees on my list are deceased, would you please send me the employee's date of death, the state where the death occurred, and the death certificate number. Of course, any information that we receive will be kept confidential and will be used for research purposes only.

Incidentally, I contacted Glen Martin and Robert Butler at the Health Care Finance Administration (HCFA) and was informed that we could request vital status information and addresses for employees in our health study who are presently 65 or more years of age. We were also asked to submit a copy of the study protocol and any written comments from the study's peer review panel. Hopefully, HCFA will grant our request and help us locate the remaining study participants whose whereabouts are presently unknown. Thanks for the information concerning HCFA. If we are lucky, it will be all that we need to complete our follow-up.

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If you need any additional information concerning the list of former Monsanto employees that I have sent to you, please give me a call. Furthermore, thanks for allowing me to use the NIOSH Dioxin Registry as a source of follow-up. Hopefully, some day I will be able to return the favor.

Sincerely,

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