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Dear Sir:

I am sure that you have seen the enclosed letter from the Director, NIOSH, with respect to PCB exposure and the possible induction of cancer in man. The enclosed article in the Washington Post, Saturday, August 21, 1976, describes the presence of PCBs in mothers' milk of a small number of lactating women tested. While we recognize that the routes of exposure and the magnitude of exposure may be different, the juxtaposition of these two reports, in time, calls for a careful review and reevaluation of all the toxicological data available with respect to exposure to this chemical. As the editor of the Journal of Toxicology and Environmental Health, I would appreciate receiving from the Monsanto Chemical Company all your data with respect to the toxicology of PCBs, both in man and animal, so that we may develop an appropriate review for the scientific community on this very important subject area. Any assistance and input from your company would be greatly appreciated.

In writing this letter, I am in no way implying that Monsanto has at any time behaved other than in an ethical manner. We are well aware

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of your efforts these past years to control the release of this chemical to the environment. I am writing solely in the interests of bringing all possible data together for reanalysis in terms of protecting public health.

Sincerely yours,

Myron A. Mehlman, Ph.D.
Editor

Enclosures
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