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Dear Mr. Hanley:

I am a stockholder in your company, an official in state government and a concerned citizen. I have read recently with considerable alarm reports on the serious health hazards posed by PCB's for future generations of Americans. One of these reports was in Sports Illustrated, no magazine of the environmentalist left, to be sure!

Since Monsanto Industrial Chemicals is the sole domestic producer of PCB's, what are your arguments in defense of this toxic substance? Also, given the fact that "closed cycle" systems become unclosed when discarded, how do you justify this restriction on PCB sales to be a sufficient safety precaution?

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Are there safer chemicals on the way? Would it not be magnanimous (+ a real image-lifter when public esteem of corporations is at an all-time low) for Monsanto to voluntarily withdraw this chemical from the market once all essential contracts were met?

I will be very eager to hear your thoughts on this subject and learn whether Monsanto intends to demonstrate any leadership in this area. After all, none of us are insulated from the possible hazards of PCB's.

Sincerely,

Charles F. Kneker

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