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4285 Whittle Ave.
Oakland, California 94602
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Mr. Charles N. Sommer Jr.
President and Executive Committee Chairman
Monsanto Company
800 North Lindbergh Blvd.
St. Louis, Missouri 63166

Dear Mr. Sommer:

It has become known to me recently that your company is the sole producer of a new class of chemical pollutants known as PCB or polychlorinated biphenyl(s).

I protest the widespread use of these chemicals as a menace to the health of humans and other lower forms of life. The Peregrine Falcon, for instance, is now extinct as a breeding species in the Eastern United States and Southern Canada partly because of DDT and partly because of PCB. PCB has been found in the milk of nursing mothers in tests conducted in Colorado. PCB compounds can be found everywhere, they have invaded the food-producing levels of the oceans and their presence is rising swiftly.

If you care nothing for birds or wildlife, at least consider your fellow man - yourself and your family - and direct your company to discontinue the use of PCB.

Respectfully,

Joan H. Rivera
(Mrs. Robert A.)

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