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Mr. W. B. Papageorge, Director
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Monsanto Chemical Co.
800 North Lindberg Blvd.
St. Louis, Mo. 63166

Dear Mr. Papageorge:

Mr. Paton of your offices in St. Louis referred me to you in a telephone conversation this morning. The "Archives of Environmental Health", Volume 26, February 1973, has an article, "Diphenyl Poisoning in Fruit Paper Production" by Ilona Hakkinen, M.D. et al. In the "Comment" on Page 74, he refers to "...the producers, who as late as 1965 in their technical service bulletin..." and in the "References" on the same page, publication "10. Monsanto Chemicals Ltd: The Manufacture of Diphenyl Impregnated Wrappers, Cartons and Liners, technical service bulletin 2. London, 1957, revised 1965."

My responsibility in the San Francisco Department of Public Health is, among other things, that of Chief of the Division of Occupational Health and Safety. It would be of great value to me to know which manufacturers in my jurisdiction may be using your diphenyl product, in order that I might have a clue to possible industrial toxicology reported in employees from those companies. You have my assurance that if this is confidential company information, it will remain confidential in my own files. Thank you.

Yours very truly,

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