bcc: E. S. Tucker - JFQ

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Dear Dick,

Scott Tucker informed me of your interest in the results of the animal toxicity studies being conducted by Industrial Bio-Test Laboratories for Monsanto.

The studies have not been completed and we will not have the final reports until the third quarter this year.

I have enclosed a copy of a status report on the rat and dog feeding studies.

The results of the studies on leghorn chickens will be presented by the Bio-Test investigators at a meeting of a toxicology society and then be published early this year. The studies show that Aroclors affect the chicken's ability to lay normal hard-shell eggs similar to the phenomenon noted by investigators on some species of wild birds.

I have enclosed a collection of scientific literature relating to the polychlorinated biphenyls. Perhaps you will find it useful.

In addition to the call from Dr. George, Albany, N.Y., I also received a call from Dr. Hans Crump, U.S. Geodetic Survey, Water Quality Office, Washington, D.C. He mentioned that some problem with polychlorinated biphenyls in chickens had developed in New York State.

If I can be of further service, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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