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Mr. Charles E. MacDonald, Chief Transportation Certification Branch U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555

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Dear Mr. MacDonald:

This letter is written in response to your letter dated February 29, 1980, relating to the Model 6400 overpack (NRC Certificate of Compliance USA/ 6400/BC) F. The information requested by the NRC in your letter follows.

- "The number of Model No. 6400 packagings owned by the user and the serial number of each." Monsanto Research Corporation does not own any Model No. 6400 packagings.
- "The serial number of any other Model No. 6400 packagings which the user has delivered to a carrier for shipment since February 28, 1978, and the name and address of the owner of each." Monsanto Research Corporation has not used a Model No. 6400 since February 28, 1978. (Last use of a Model No. 6400 was August 8, 1977.)
- "The results of a physical inspection of each Model No. 6400 packaging owned by the user to determine whether:
 - The packaging conforms in all respects to the drawings referenced in Certificate of Compliance No. 6400, Revision 8.
 - The packaging has been significantly damaged or its condition has deteriorated in a manner which could effect its ability to meet the requirements of 10 CFR Part 71.
 - c. Any cracks or holes are present in the inner liner (containment vessel).

In performing this inspection, particular attention should be given to dimensions, tolerances, materials of construction, seals, sealing surfaces, door hinges, insulation, bolts, threads, and other items important to the safety of the package." 16159

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The above inspection does not pertain to MRC because it does not own any Model No. 6400 packaging.

Should you desire any further information from us regarding the above, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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