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ANNISTON - POLYPHENYL OPERATIONS

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The Specialty Division worldwide polyphenyl study is complete enough at this point to make these observations:

1. We intend to cease U.S. production of PCB's by September, 1977. Even in this event, the Anniston operation remains viable for the foreseeable future and we plan continued operation of it.

2. Shutting down our Newport, Wales, plant is likely when PCB manufacture there is discontinued in the same time frame. However, this contingency would not change our decision to continue Anniston operations - might improve upon the Anniston volume.

3. Your Anniston plant staff have generally been included in deliberations of the Polyphenyl Task Force and should be kept aware currently of decisions and of the impact on Anniston.

4. I am expecting the divisional people to be working with the Anniston plant on the issues of data curtailing production, appropriate staffing, notification of employes, etc.

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(Dictated by Mr. Fitzgerald;
sent in his absence.)

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