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Telephoned Dr. A. C. Kolbye, FDA, Washington, D.C. at 8:00 a.m. Friday, February 25, 1972 to review his knowledge of the Maine PCB-poultry situation. He qualified all of his statements, repeatedly, by stating he had limited information, therefore, could not reach any conclusions.

He stated that Pine State Rendering Company is suspected as being the source of the PCB but Pine State strongly denies using PCB's. Pine State Rendering has a sterilizing unit but no information is available regarding its design or heat source. There is a possibility that plastic film containing PCB's used in meat packaging may have been processed with the scrap meat.

Dr. Kolbye indicated that about 50 flocks were involved at present but state-wide monitoring is far from complete. He also stated emphatically that the 5 ppm PCB in fat guideline would be rigidly followed in determining acceptability of poultry for human use.

Dr. Kolbye is very disturbed by this incident and feels he has been placed in an untenable position because of his previous defense of PCB's. He offered to call and report results of his discussions with the Ralston-Purina representatives.

W. B. Papageorge

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