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Dear Dr. Quinby:

I am sorry, but I think you have misquoted me regarding the burn-out rates of fluorescent ballasts. When I spoke to you by telephone, I had no knowledge of any burn-out rates then. The only figures we can offer you at this time is that the failure rate involving leakage is a small fraction of 1 percent. This information came from Mr. Papageorge of the Monsanto Co. in a meeting held here in December, 1972.

We have queried the electricians servicing our building regarding ballast burn-out rate and were informed that there has been no instance of any burn-out with leakage.

Our Safety Officer is in the process of alerting our Field laboratories to the possible burn-out and leakage problem of their fluorescent ballasts.

Sincerely yours,

George Yip, Chief
Industrial Chemical Contaminants Branch
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