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PCB STATEMENT

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During 1972 we added our PCB statement to shipping documents (order acknowledgements, bills of lading, etc.) in addition to our product labels.

Recently Bill Stewart informed us of shipping difficulties we have experienced because of over-reaction to the statement. A copy of Bill's memo and of the statements are attached.

I have prepared, at Cumming Paton's request, a proposed draft of a letter which could be used to gain better understanding of the situation.

May I please have your comments?

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Dear Mr.

Your concern for the significance of the precautionary statements you noted on shipping documents and labels relating to materials containing polychlorinated biphenyls is understandable and appreciated.

I believe it is appropriate to recall that these materials have been involved in commerce for over forty years and no occurrences resulting in harm to individuals or to other cargo during shipment have been reported. There is no reason to believe that with proper handling this excellent record cannot continue.

The precautionary statements were recently added to inform everyone involved that these materials, if allowed to escape into the environment, are considered pollutants and could accumulate to levels which may affect some species of marine or wildlife.

In addition to the environmental consideration, the statement also emphasizes the need to prevent these materials from contacting any item intended for human or animal consumption because, like many other products, they were never approved for food use and their presence could result in confiscation or condemnation.

We believe our concerns relating to environmental pollution and contamination of items intended for human or animal consumption are warranted and are hopeful that

Customer Name

Date

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our precautionary statement will encourage proper use  
and handling thereby avoiding any unfortunate incidences.

I hope my comments are helpful. If I can be of further  
service please let me know.

Sincerely,