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Q: Fred Lee and Gilman Vietch of the Water Quality Laboratory, Madison, Wis., working backward from coho salmon reported they found PCB in quantities of one part per million in Electra-Sol dishwashing compound, manufactured by Economics Laboratories of St. Paul, Minn. Lee and Vietch, working upward in tributory streams, worked above any point where there was chemical manufacture. Tracing PCB further, they pinpointed the compound. Economics Labs say they buy a number of chemicals from Monsanto but no PCBs. Would you care to comment?

A: We really do not have a lot of information on this incident. We can only make a guess -- admittedly a guess. The PCBs probably stem from the packaging material, which in turn, we assume, is being made from recycled paper.

Q: He then said "on or off the record -- only for my own information -- has Economics Labs been in touch with you?"

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A: I honestly do not know.

He then said "they said they have been on you for a month."

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In further discussion with Mr. Papageorge, it was decided that it would be a losing proposition to try to rebut this question and that we could only hope that Porter's statement that it was only for his own information was true.

SOURCE OF ANSWER (List All Sources)

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