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Since our phone conversation on Monday, I learned that the story on alleged contamination of wildlife by Aroclors did not appear in the current issue of Time. Of course it could show up in a future issue.

As we discussed, our statement on the use of Aroclors and the company's own research program is about all we have to talk about at present. There may be a slight elaboration on our own research efforts.

We will not have anything definite to say in our defense until our own program 1) verifies identification of the subject residues and 2) explains where this material comes from. Obviously, some of these answers could take quite awhile.

David Perlman of the Chronicle has received our complete statement. When we have more definite information, let's plan to go back to him along with other appropriate editors on the West Coast. Of course we can then also relay the same information to the publishers you mentioned.

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