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You recall that when we were authorized to accept "warning acknowledgement" letters rather than "hold harmless" letters, we were charged with keeping you and the Board informed of major developments overseas, which might affect our liability in selling PCB's for dielectric uses.

In our memo of March 8, Howard Bergen and I asked our overseas offices to keep us posted of any flare-up of adverse publicity or public opinion or threat of legislation which could affect our position. We agreed we would report approximately quarterly. This is the first such report and covers ex-USA areas outside of Canada and Europe.

A thorough recent canvass of our sales offices reveals no developments of any consequence except in Japan and Taiwan. John Durland has described that situation in some detail in his letter of July 5, of which you have a copy. From Taiwan, Bob Hill reports:

"The Bureau of Commodity Inspection and Quarantine (BCIQ) will be testing packing material, particularly for export of food products to determine level of PCB. There is no discussion yet on banning the use of PCB's in capacitors. BCIQ have instructed the suppliers of printing ink from Japan to eliminate PCB containing inks."

We shall continue to canvass our field offices regularly and report to you any developments of significance.

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