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Dear Eric:

I quote your April 6 wire: "Please send one each of glove and mask for handling PCB at Monsanto cost as PCB situation becoming critical. Above urgently required".

What is meant by the statement that the "PCB situation is becoming critical"? How does a glove and a mask for handling PCB relate to this question?

If a pair of gloves is needed, we would suggest polyethylene throw away gloves. These are very inexpensive and are probably made in Taiwan. A pair is enclosed.

The only occasion I can foresee for a mask is where a person must on occasion handle PCB liquid at elevated temperatures in an open situation. An organic cannister type mask is the type that would be used. Surely these also are readily available in Taiwan.

Please describe the situation about handling for which you believe a mask is urgently required. If a routine and normal operation is being carried out that would indeed introduce sufficient vapors into the workroom air so as to require a mask, then what needs to be done is to get this operation straightened out rather than tolerating it by saying a mask will be worn.

Again, please clarify what is meant by the PCB situation is becoming critical.

Best regards,

P. G. Benignus

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Enclosure