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QUERY: I have recently returned from visits to the Schripps Institute of Oceanography and Woods Hole, and the product PCB has been described by both institutions as a "bad actor". Before I write an article on ocean pollution, I thought I should check with the manufacturer. Could you give me some background on PCB?

Ans: (Briefly discussed the major uses of PCB, our program to control uses and escape, and discontinuing of sales to uncontrollable uses.)

Ques: Why has Monsanto refused to release production and sales figures which scientists feel are needed to evaluate the extent of the pollution problem?

Ans: We have not revealed these figures for competitive reasons, although we have offered them to government agencies if they will help in their investigations.

Ques: Besides Monsanto and a Japanese producer, are their any others?

Ans: Yes, there are several other producers in Europe.

(I then offered to send Mr. Bassett reprints of previous articles and he thought this would be good reference material.)

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