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President
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Dear Sir:

I have been reading a great deal about PCB lately, including the article in the October 24, 1976, issue of The New York Times Magazine.

I feel that your company has been unjustly condemned because of the fact that The General Electric Company has dumped quantities of PCB into the Hudson River. As I understand it, it wasn't realized until 1971 that PCB could possibly be a danger to the environment. I also understood that you acted voluntarily in making PCB available only to those companies who would use it in "closed systems", (transformers and capacitors.)

I feel that since it has been in the environment for about 45 years, complete and immediate elimination of PCB, by use of emergency measures, is not absolutely necessary.

I am contemplating writing an article telling of my feelings on the unjust criticism and condemnation you have been receiving, especially as it was not known until recently that PCB had adverse effects on people. I would appreciate your sending me any material or information on this subject which would assist me in compiling an article, including your permission to quote.

Sincerely,

Claude A. Frazier, M.D.

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Addendum: This reminds me, in a way, of blaming surgeons for not washing their hands prior to the discovery that germs caused infection.