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Subject: Re: Anniston and The New York Times
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Won't this bring the PD in immediately.

How big a story do you think this will be. The others you mentioned are large.

Is the plant checking with the State people to find out if they have been contacted, and are we prepared to give the NYT references to the health officials who are watching this from a public health perspective.

What is our overall strategy?

_____ Reply Separator

Subject: Anniston and The New York Times
Author: DIANE B HERNDON at MONSL515
Date: 1/21/97 4:28 PM

Lori Levine, an intern in the Atlanta office of The New York Times, is doing research on the Sweet Valley/Cobb Town area east of the Anniston plant where we are purchasing property to construct our stormwater settlement basin. She asked to interview a representative about the history of the plant, history of the Sweet Valley neighborhood, details of the buy out program, background on the remediation and any related health effects and lawsuits. She said they were going to be in Alabama on Thursday or Friday of this week working on two other unrelated stories (1)Christian hair salons in Birmingham and 2) the militia) and would like to have information from us by then.

Levine is working with national correspondent Rick Bragg who covers stories in an 8-state region for the Times. Some of his past features have included the freighter crashing into the pier in New Orleans, and the Olympics bombing in Atlanta. He does late breaking news and human

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interest stories.

After discussion with the team, we offered to have Jack Mayausky and Alan Faust meet with her and Bragg in Birmingham since they will be there already and go over the background, remediation, and property purchase program. She will get back to me with a time.

She said the story would probably run sometime next week.
--Diane