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Q: What is Monsanto's reaction to the recently formed intergovernmental task force to study PCB?

A: (I read him our statement which essentially says we support the task force, and as a supplement to the task force's efforts we will continue our own PCB program.)

Q: Is the Justice Department looking into the Alabama PCB pollution problem?

A: I have no knowledge of the Justice Department's involvement.

Q: Will you make production and sales figures available?

A: Yes, to appropriate government agencies.

Q: What do you know of the toxicity of PCB?

A: Independent two-year studies are nearly complete. (I gave him a reference to the abstracts of the 10th Annual Toxicologists Meeting.)

Q: Do you know of any PCBs used in bakery heat-transfer systems?

A: We have restricted sales so that PCB will not reach food or drug heat-transfer systems.

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Q: Do you know of any imported products?

A: No.

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