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SUBJECT: PCBs

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Q: Have you learned any more about the PCB contamination of chickens in Maine?

A: No, the last word I had was that the source had not yet been identified. Until it is identified it will be difficult for us to make any statement.

Q: While I was working on this story one source told me that Monsanto was going out of the PCB business.

A: That is not a totally correct statement. We do have a program under way to phase-out heat-transfer uses of PCB. We will continue to supply the electrical industry since there is no substitute available for this use.

Q: Every time I try to write a story on the subject of PCBs no one wants to talk about it, including Monsanto. Why?

A: Maybe it is because you don't print what we tell you. You will have to admit that the real story of what Monsanto is doing to help solve this potential environmental problem has not been told by your paper or any other paper.

When you ask the question who is doing something about the PCB issue the answer is "Monsanto is doing something." Why hasn't that story been told.

Q: That's like shooting somebody and then rushing him to the hospital and expecting a medal isn't it?

A: Not at all. We certainly expect no medals and no pats on the back, but we would like to see both sides printed.

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