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The following inquiry is not a press query, but will result in a news release being prepared by the University of Minnesota, Agricultural College, Department of Information. They intend to distribute to newspapers in Minnesota.

Query from Bruce Cole, August 18, 1971.

Q: I am working on a news release for the Agricultural College which will discuss PCB in the environment. An Environment Magazine article in 1970 contained a Monsanto statement on toxicity. Is that statement still valid?

A: The statement in Environment mentioned only very early test results. Those tests have now been completed and published in abstract for the "Tenth Annual Meeting of the Society of Toxicology", March, 1971.

(Abstract read to Mr. Cole.)

You may wish to up-date our earlier statement with this data.

Q: Mr. Cole then asked about uses of PCB and manufacturing processes.

A: I replied with a brief description of former "open-system" uses; that we had discontinued sales over a year ago and now sell only to closed systems, and that manufacturing is essentially a contained process, but that pollution control methods to contain escape of PCB are in use.

E. V. John

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