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SUBJECT: PCB

SOURCE OF ANSWER: W. B. Papageorge/ Dr. E. S. Tucker

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HANDLED BY: E. V. John

REPORTER & MEDIA: Mrs. Polinger, Chemical & Engineering News, Washington

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Q: I am doing an article based on Mr. August Kerley's work where he has presumably identified furans in Monsanto's Aroclor 1254. He is presenting a paper at the ACS-Boston meeting today. Are you aware of Mr. Kerley's work?

A: We have been in contact with Mr. Kerley in Chamblee, Ga., by telephone and he has described his work to us. We have not seen his data and at this point both Monsanto scientists and Mr. Kerley have some doubts as to the positive identification of furans in our product. He is sending us his data. (Conference call set up between E. V. John, Dr. Scott Tucker and Mrs. Polinger. Dr. Tucker explained to her the possibility of other trace contaminants which could be mistakenly identified as furans.)

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