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Dear Professor Tanaka:

I note in newspaper articles appearing in the United States a frequent reference to the statement that 16 deaths have resulted from the Yusho disease of 1968. The articles attribute these deaths to PCB poisoning. I have attached copies of typical articles which appeared recently.

As producers of PCB's, we are very interested in the health effects that these chemicals may have on humans. Can you or any of your colleagues provide us with information regarding the basis for this newspaper statement? We would like to learn as much as possible about these cases. Your help in this very important matter is sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely,

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