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We also asked Mr. Larrick, "What recommendations could F&D make on how the vast majority of innocent growers could protect themselves from the actions of a few irresponsible growers." He had no answer. He replied by describing how much more complex the situation was today than 15 to 20 years ago, and stressed the greatly expanded use of highly dangerous chemicals. He urged using the chemicals only as directed on the label. He urged self-policing by the industry. His assistant suggested a good coding system so that any contaminated merchandise could be quickly isolated.



Mr. Larrick was asked if a policy could be established whereby the industry or its trade association would be consulted and afforded the opportunity of discussing a "difficult" situation with F&D or HSW prior to any press announcements. He stated he was a civil servant and did not make policy decisions. Therefore, he could not guarantee that the industry would be consulted prior to a press release if the F&D seized a food bearing or containing excessive residues of a dangerous chemical.