

The history of the chemical industry demonstrates that it is alert to opportunities to engage in research along the lines of expanding technology, including that applicable to waste treatment and control. Hence as new ideas emerge, we do not believe there will be any lack of appropriate development by the chemical industry.

*Question 2: What are your views on a policy that would conserve fossil fuels for chemical raw materials?*

Answer: Much of the chemical industry as we know it today, both technically and economically, is based on ample supplies of fossil fuel raw materials. The very substantial known reserves of these materials, however, coupled with the adaptability of the chemical industry to changing circumstances would seem to indicate that any program of intentional limitation is unwarranted. If such limitation were unduly restrictive as to other fossil fuel uses, not only would this result in dislocation of other segments of the national economy, but it might react adversely on the economic base of the chemical industry as well. It may also be observed that the now established trend to wider application of nuclear fuels will of itself tend to conserve fossil fuels.

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Answers to Question by Representative Weston E. Vivian During the Hearings (See p. 410, Vol. I)

*Question: Do you find any place where joint sponsorship is desirable between the Federal Government and industry, such as pilot-plant operations?*

Answer: In our prepared statement we mentioned approvingly "government-industry cooperative investigation," and would construe this to embrace jointly supported projects, also, where there is a mutuality of interest. In some instances this might be brought to bear at the pilot-plant stage; in others, either earlier or later stages of development might be logical for such consideration, depending on the nature of the research involved.

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Response to the Remarks of Representative James G. Fulton During the Hearings (See p. 411, Vol. I)

It is regrettable that Congressman Fulton misunderstood the basic premises of our statement at several points, and we welcome this opportunity for appropriate clarification and reemphasis.

The chemical industry is committed to the desirability of preserving natural resources that have not been abused as well as restoring those which have been abused. It is incontrovertible, however, that many processes essential to the sustenance of life produce waste products for which there is no repository but the environment. Nevertheless, if esthetic values and beneficial uses of the environment are not impaired incident to such disposal, then there is neither measurable injury nor recognizable pollution.

In recommending that interim objectives be set at conservative levels, we primarily had in mind the situation where existing contamination is already in excess of anticipated quality standards. We would not propose to intentionally set requirements so loose that injury to