MONSANTO REACTION TO ATTACHED RELEASE, IF REQUESTED BY PRESS:

Monsanto believes the federal government's task force approach to the PCB/environmental issue is most appropriate and the company stands ready to continue its support and cooperation with these agencies.

At the same time, we believe our three-year-old program -- to control the uses and escape of PCB -- is correct and that it will supplement the agencies' efforts. We will continue to pursue our program in the conviction that it will help solve this environmental issue.

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