PRESS QUERY

SUBJECT: PCBs

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A telephone interview was set up between Mr. Mleczko and W. B. Papageorge. Mleczko is working on a feature update of the PCB issue. He is interviewing FDA and State of Michigan researchers as well as Monsanto for his article -- which is expected to appear in the Dec. 16 weekend edition.

Subjects discussed include the following:

-- How does Monsanto protect the environment by controlling manufacture, handling, shipping and use?

-- To whom do we sell PCB now and how do we monitor our customers' uses?

-- Quantities manufactured now?

-- Any problems in the past year with accidental spills?

-- Can PCB in the environment be defined primarily as coming from past uses?

-- What is Monsanto's reaction to the proposed FDA regulation levels for food, packaging, etc.?

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