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Other reports about PCB say it has been found in polar animals and fish thousands of miles from the nearest site of industrial usage. Analyses of water and sediment have turned it up in the streams of numerous states, and Michigan officials have warned citizens not to eat more than one meal a week of Lake Michigan coho salmon, which have been found to contain high levels of PCB.

It seems a chemical as dangerous as PCB should be under more rigid control. The government has banned DDT for most uses. It doesn't make sense that a chemical much more dangerous than DDT is still being widely used.

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Monsanto — MESSAGE MEMO

TO: Ed Johnson

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BY W. Papageorge

OF

DSW 282222

☑ PLEASE PHONE ☐ RETURNED CALL ☐ IS IN LOBBY

NO. 4051 ☐ WILL CALL AGAIN ☐ IS HOLDING

☐ PLEASE VISIT ☐

MESSAGE

We are considering responding in some manner to this article. I will be in touch with a lawyer from Nashville to get his reaction. Let's

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I review Monday
regarding best approach.

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WBP
Think we should respond to this or perhaps visit with or call the editor?

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