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FOLLOWING WELSH QUARRY PCB PRESS QUERY YOU HANDLED APRIL 12 - WE HAVE BEEN CONTACTED BY PETER PRINGLE OF SUNDAY TIMES INSIGHT PROBE FEATURE TEAM. PRINGLE HAS MET WITH BRITISH PETROLEUM WHO HAVE ALSO DUMPED WASTE AT MAENDY QUARRY. HE IS DUE TO TALK TO WASTE DISPOSAL CONTRACTORS PURLE TODAY AND WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE CONTACTING BRITISH DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT WHICH CARRIED OUT INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS OF WASTE SAMPLES FROM QUARRY. JOHN MASON PETER MARSH - NEWPORT PLANT MANAGER DEREK SHEARN HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH ERNIE BRACKEN AND MYSELF ON THIS. WE HAVE ANSWERED ABOUT 12 SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ON PCBS IN GENERAL AND QUANTITIES AND TYPE OF WASTE DUMPED AT MAENDY FROM NEWPORT PLANT. CLOSE CONTACT IS BEING KEPT WITH BRIT. PET. - PURLE AND DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENT. POSSIBILITY PRINGLE STORY WILL APPEAR THIS SUNDAY BUT NOT DEFINITE. WE BELIEVE HIS STORY WILL TAKE THE LINE THAT CHEMICAL WASTE DUMPING CONTROLS NEED TIGHTENING AND THAT NO SINGLE AUTHORITY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING SAFE DUMPING. MONSANTO WILL UNDOUBTEDLY FIGURE IN STORY BUT WE FEEL IT WILL BE MINOR ROLE. CONVERSATIONS WITH PRINGLE INDICATE HE IS NOT PLANNING GENERAL ARTICLE KNOCKING PCBS. DETAILS OF QUESTIONS/ANSWERS MAILED YOU TODAY. WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED. REGARDS

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