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We will be happy to discuss our analytical work on PCB's with G. Telling of Unilever Research Colworth when he visits the USA in June. I suggest that we offer to accommodate him for one day if he wishes to arrange his schedule accordingly. Please advise as to the action needed on our part.

Bill Papageorge, Jack Garrett and I attended a meeting on PCB's called by the Pollution Control Administration in the USA (Duluth, Minnesota) this week. This was originally set up as an office type meeting. It quickly got out-of-hand on the number of attendees. Fifty representatives of government and university laboratories in the USA and Canada attended to hear Monsanto's position on PCB's in the environment and especially in water. These representatives have shifted their emphasis to PCB's from pesticides. They have developed enough experimental evidence on their own to convince themselves that the PCB contamination is real.

In short, a massive nationwide PCB program is unfolding in public agencies in the USA. One possible future result of this effort will be the setting of limits for PCB's in the environment. We provided methodology packages representing the state-of-the-art in our laboratories at this meeting.

We will keep you posted on further developments.

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