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Below is the beginning of results from scientific research showing th=
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GE foods may not be safe. How many ruined lives will our politicians=
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responsible for because they did not require proof that these foods a=
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safe? Why is it so important to refuse the public the choice (by
denying labeling requirements)? How many new technologies have prove=
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to be more harmful than we thought when they were first introduced?
Remember the promises of nuclear energy, pesticides, agent orange? N=
ow,
is the time to take a leadership role and force industry to take a mo=
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conservative approach to genetic engineering?

I urge you to think about the consequences of making the wrong choice=
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now and how many lives you will adversely effect. Please push for a
bill to protect the public from the adverse effects of unintentionall=
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consuming Genetically Modified foods. Demand labeling and better pro=
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that GMO are safe for consumption!

Thank You.

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Study Casts Doubt on Safety Of Genetically Modified Food
5.44 p.m. ET (2244 GMT) January 28, 1999

Reuters:
LONDON =97 An artificial gut designed by Dutch researchers has cast d=
oubts
on
the safety of genetically modified food, New Scientist magazine repor=
ted
on
Wednesday.

The computer-controlled model of the stomach and intestines, designed=
to
mimic
human food digestion, showed that antibiotic-resistance genes introdu=
ced
into food
could jump to bacteria in the gut.

"The results show that DNA lingers in the intestine, and confirms tha=
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genetically
modified bacteria can transfer their antibiotic-resistance genes to
bacteria in the
gut," according to the magazine.

One of the concerns about genetically engineered crops is that
antibiotic-resistant
genes could transfer to animals and humans and create superbugs that
cannot be
killed by even the strongest antibiotics.

Some scientists claimed it could never happen because the modified DN=
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breaks
down so quickly. But the Dutch research showed DNA from the bacteria =
had
a
half-life of six minutes in the large intestine.

"This makes it available to transform cells," said Robert Havenaar, t=
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designer of
the artificial gut.

Hub Noteborn of the State Institute for Quality Control of Agricultur=
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Products in
the Netherlands said the results of the study contradict the safety
assurances.

"It was a surprise to see that DNA persisted so long in the colon," h=
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told the
magazine.

Not all bacteria transferred the resistance genes to normal gut
bacteria. A tomato
engineered to resist rot caused no problems.

Havenaar and his colleagues plan further studies and are planning to =
ask
the
European Union for funding.

Last week, a committee from Britain's House of Lords (upper house)
announced
that the benefits of genetically modified food outweighed the risks.
They also
concluded it was "extremely unlikely" that genes from food could jump
into gut
bacteria.

Environmental groups have urged the government to ban all genetically
modified
food. Top British chefs on Tuesday put their weight behind opposition=
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what some
have nicknamed "Frankenstein's food."

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"Every choice has a consequence"