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Dear Mr. Director,

I join with Jon Gilber Heiken of Mill Valley, CA in not being at ease about the new technology - genetically engineered foods.

I too have read about engineered corn pollen and the monarch butterfly larvae. Did you know about the migratory habits of the Monarch? Here's one of God's remark-able creatures that weighs a little more than a feather yet each October the monarchs in western USA & western Canada fly to spots in California, two being Santa Cruz & Pacific Grove, to spend the winter. Monarchs in the east go clear to Mexico to avoid the cold. Come March-April the monarchs return north.

If a being that small and that light yet that hearty can be adversely affected by man altered corn what about me? What about you?

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Sincerely,
Don Williams

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Genetically Altered Foods a Big Concern

Thank you very much for printing the two-part front-page story, "A War Against Techno-Food" (Chronicle, August 16-17). It was excellent. This [illegible] extremely important and time-[illegible] to every single person who [illegible] the United States. It is a sub-[illegible] affects the very essence of [illegible] and the health of [illegible] environment, but, for whatever [illegible] information [illegible] to inform the public [illegible]

[illegible] seem uncon-[illegible] about this issue only because they have no idea. People are not aware of how much of the food they buy is from genetically manipulated sources *because they are not being told*. This is profoundly wrong. The agrichemical industry is denying Americans the fundamental right to choose freely what they eat and put inside their bodies.

[illegible] to the British and the Europeans! Why should they allow the U.S. agrichemical industry to bully them? The interest of the powerful American agrichemical industry is to make money. Their goal in Europe, and throughout the world, is to sell a highly profitable system of genetically altered seed and agrichemical [illegible] concerned [illegible] not [illegible] for the [illegible]

[illegible] further genetically engineered [illegible] commercially, or on any scale. It is a model example of a gross conflict of interest!

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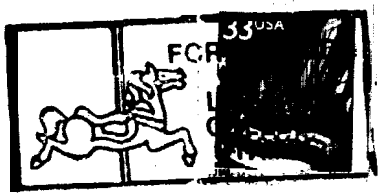

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