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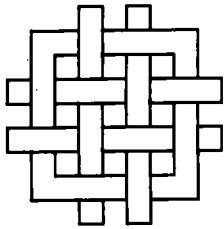
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Dear Friend:

I have enclosed a copy of **A New Generation of Environmental Leadership: Action for the Environment and the Economy**. This report describes 10 initiatives that the new Administration could pursue to improve dramatically environmental and economic performance at home and to strengthen protection of the global environment. The initiatives include:

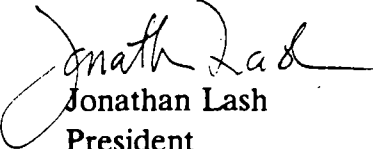
- **Environmentally Superior Technologies** - spurring technological innovation to promote competitiveness and environmental protection;
- **Green Fees** - using energy taxes, pollution charges and other green fees to reduce the deficit, stimulate the economy, and protect the environment;
- **Regulatory Reform** - adopting market-based and other innovative approaches to environmental protection;
- **Policy Toward Developing Countries** - forging a new U.S. role in international development and North-South cooperation.

The other initiatives cover renewable energy, agricultural policy reform, phasing out inappropriate subsidies, a national biodiversity strategy, global environmental protection, and population policy.

We hope that the Clinton Administration and the 103rd Congress will find these proposals useful in developing integrated environmental and economic policies. Some actions can be taken quickly and will produce immediate results. But the bulk of these proposals describe actions that will set in motion longer-term changes for meeting both our economic and environmental needs.

The report is based on policy research conducted by the World Resources Institute. Please contact me, or the people listed with each initiative, for further information.

Sincerely,

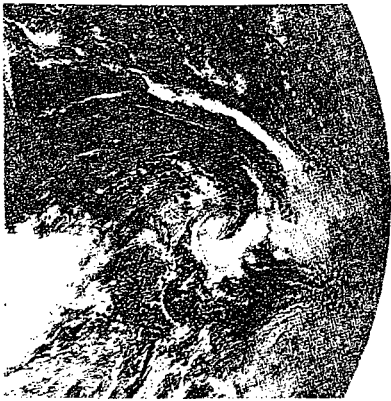

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EPA Dioxin Regulation Faces Key Court Challenge

BY PAUL KEMEZIS

Environmental Protection Agency regulations for incineration of dioxins face a crucial test Feb. 12 as a federal judge in Little Rock, Ark., will decide whether a November trial burn at the Vertac Superfund site was "successful" and further dioxin incineration can proceed.

On one side, the state of Arkansas claims the two trial runs were successful since levels of dioxins and furans measured in stack emissions and in perimeter air samples were well below EPA action levels.

It said the measurements, taken at various sites, showed that levels of the toxics never rose above 0.1 picograms per cubic

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Question: What do telephones, cement and formica counter tops have in common?

Answer: All use wood or wood by-products as a key feedstock.

Surprised? James Bowyer isn't.

Bowyer, the president-elect of the Forest Products Society, says Americans increasingly have lost sight of where products originate and, equally importantly, the environmental impacts of various raw materials.

In Washington to launch a nationwide outreach effort for the not-for-profit scientific and educational association, Bowyer sat down recently with *Environment Week* to discuss these concerns and other issues that will confront the new Clinton administration as it struggles to fulfill its campaign commitments on environmental policy.

The head of the University of Minnesota's Department of Forest Products and an expert in the global impact of mankind's use of raw materials on the environment,

EPA Plans Changes To TSCA Secrecy Clause

BY GEORGE LOBSENZ

The Environmental Protection Agency will take action within weeks to address concerns that industry is misusing federal trade secret laws to hide significant health and safety information about chemicals from the public, *Environment Week* has learned.

EPA officials say the agency soon will issue a policy statement outlining several options for dealing with excessive "confidential business information" claims made by industry in notifying EPA about the introduction of new chemicals in manufacturing processes.

The CBI claims are allowed under the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976 to protect proprietary data that a company wants to keep from its competitors. TSCA requires EPA to hold CBI data secret, even from state environmental agencies responsible for regulating industry.

However, an analysis recently done for EPA concluded that industry routinely submits secrecy claims for information that clearly does not qualify for protection under TSCA. For example, many companies have claimed their corporate name and plant locations as CBI.

Furthermore, the contractor study found some companies have claimed CBI for health and safety studies on chemicals—data that TSCA specifically excludes from CBI eligibility.

Despite such apparent abuses, EPA has difficulty challenging fraudulent CBI claims because TSCA requires the agency to prove the com-

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Professor Bowyer: U.S. Is Failing Environmental Policy Test

BY DENNIS WAMSTED

Bowyer is blunt in his criticism of current U.S. environmental thinking. "...The approach to environmental problems in the United States is off a bit on a tangent," he says.

Bowyer is particularly critical of the mantra,

"Think Globally, Act Locally," particularly as it is being interpreted in the United States. To adhere to this credo requires careful consideration of the global implications of local actions. But as used by many in the United States, local action is being pursued without any thought to its potential global implications, Bowyer maintains. There is a "remarkable lack of...thinking" about environmental problems and potential solutions, he says.

A key example of this dichotomy is evident in the controversy over federal logging restrictions to protect the spotted owl in the Pacific Northwest, Bowyer says. "The jury is still out" on this decision, he says, because the entire debate focused solely on the United States and ig-

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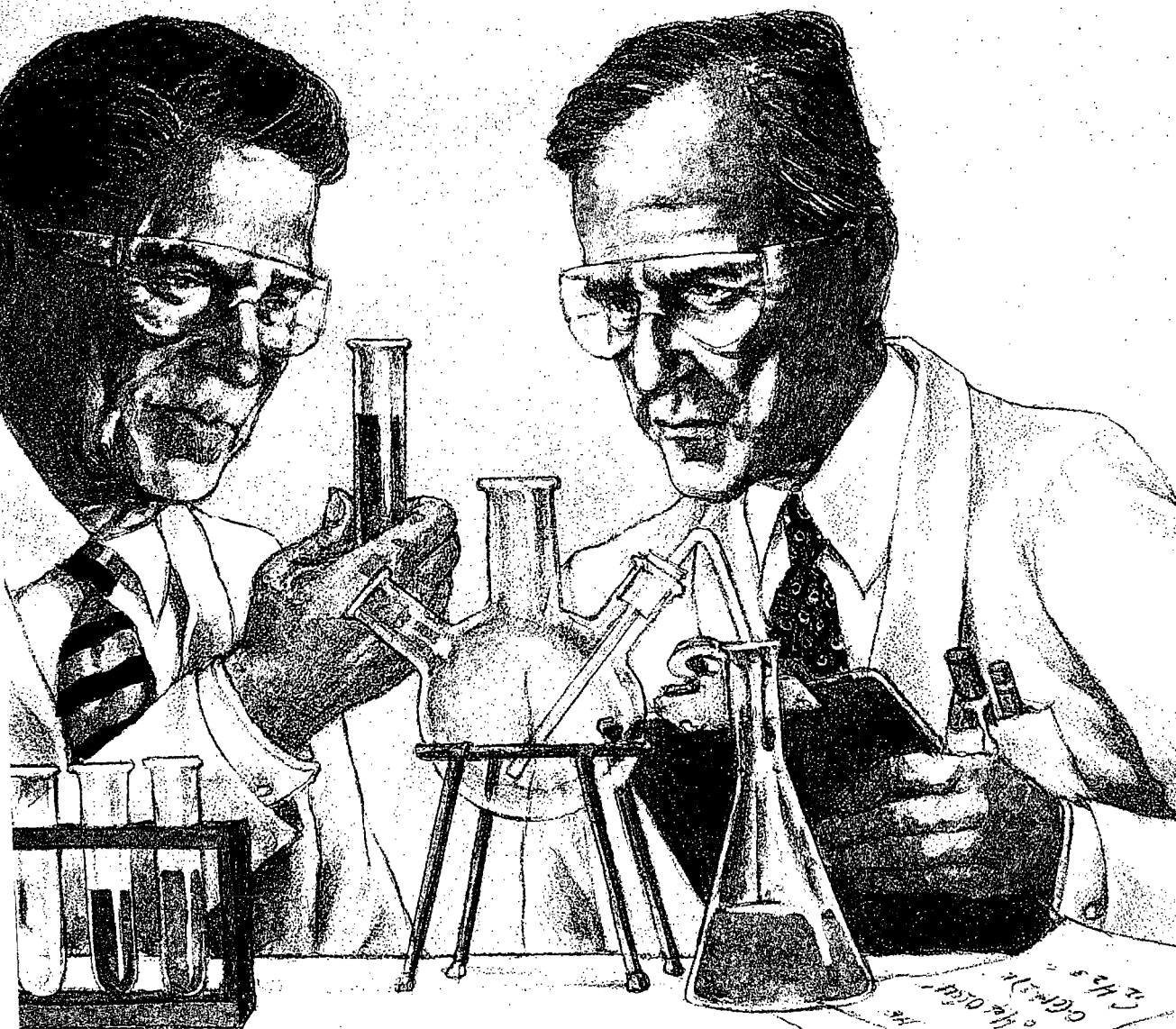
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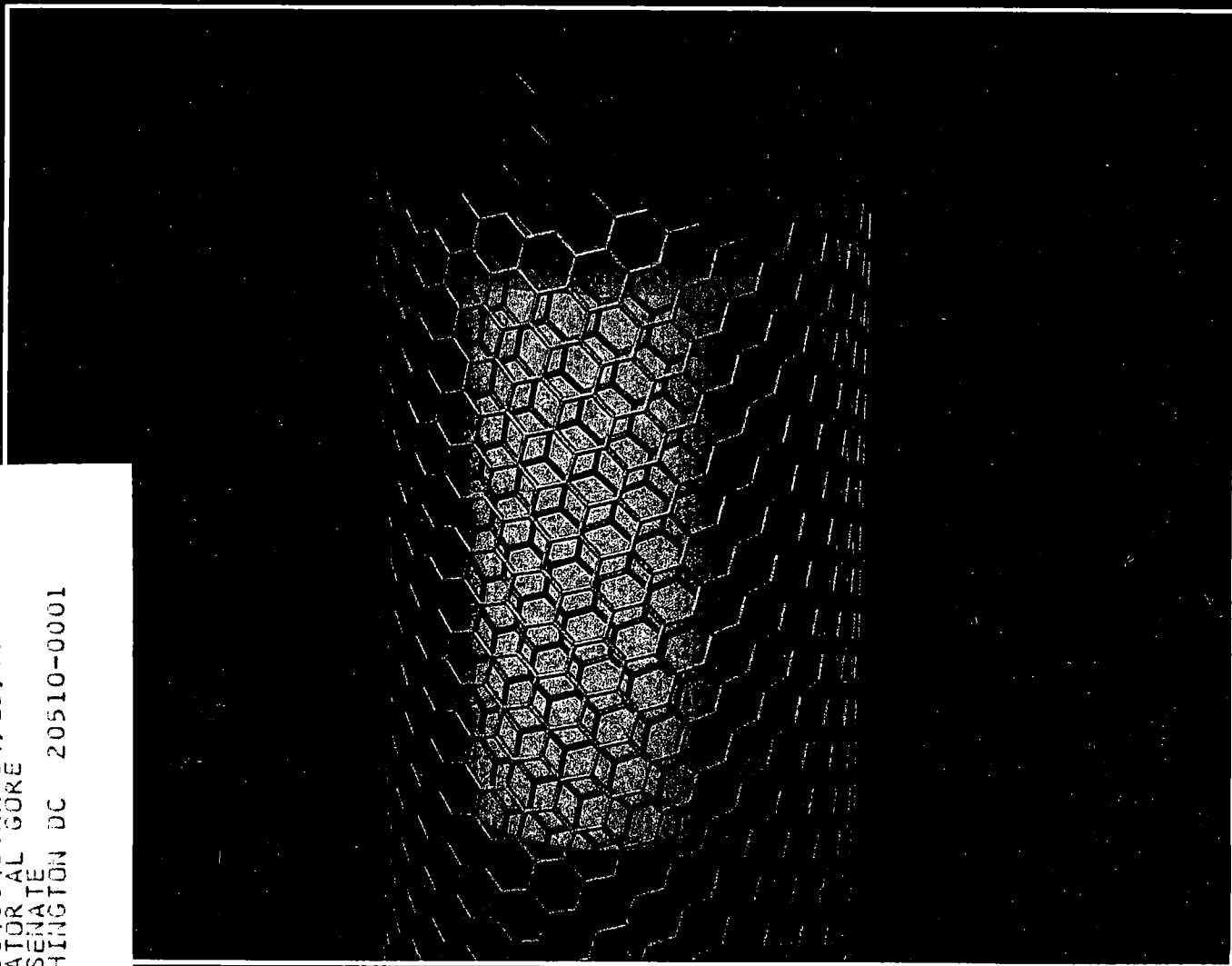
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