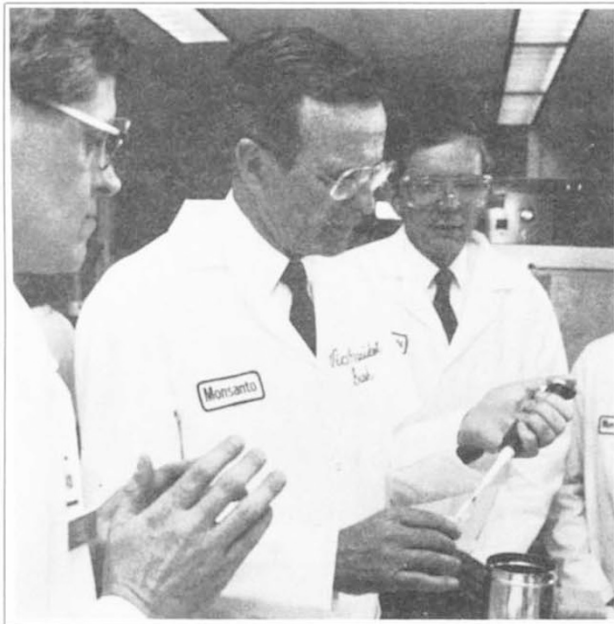


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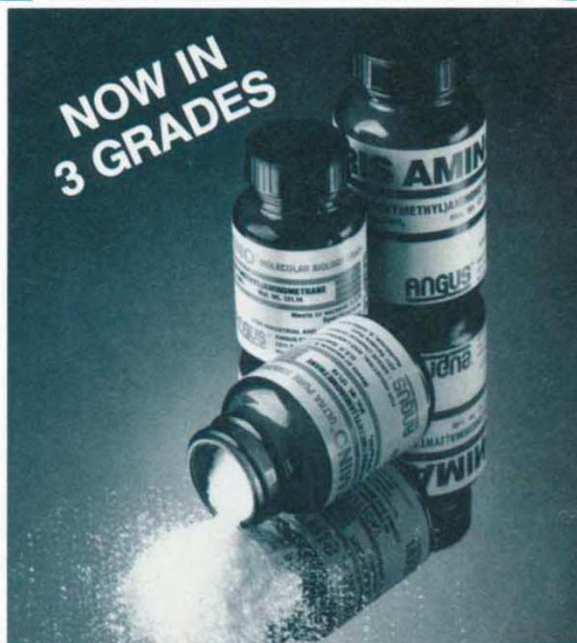
Is learning how to splice a gene at Monsanto's Life Sciences Research Center (Chesterfield, MO) a harbinger of ultimate political victory? In May 1987, then Presidential hopeful George Bush tried his hand at it. Looking on were (from left to right) Monsanto's Stephen G. Rogers (research fellow) and Richard J. Mahoney (chairman and chief executive officer). And this July, House majority leader Richard Gephardt (D-MO) toured the Monsanto laboratories and joined the ranks of political gene-splicers—aided by Stephen Rogers. Gephardt predicted that biotechnology-derived products will provide the United States with a competitive edge into the 21st century. Does his visit to Monsanto auger well for his political future, too?

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