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Mr. Mahoney was CEO of Monsanto for 13 years. Since his retirement, he has served as Distinguished Executive in Residence at the Center for the Study of American Business (now the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government and Public Policy) at Washington University.

During his tenure as CEO he transformed Monsanto from a largely commodity chemical and agricultural specialties company into a broad-based life sciences and specialty chemical company with major programs in pharmaceuticals, food and nutritional ingredients, and world leadership in agricultural biotechnology and related activities.

His memberships have included:

- Director, the Soviet/US Trade Council
- Director, the Japan/US Trade Council
- Director, the Korean/US Trade Council
- US Government Trade Policy Committee
- The Business Roundtable (Co-Chair of the Board and Chair Tort Reform)
- The Business Council
- The President's Circle, the National Academy of Sciences where he has served on several of its advisory and study panels.
- The National Superfund Commission

Corporate Boards have included the Monsanto Co, Metropolitan Life (audit, compensation), Union Pacific Corp. (finance, compensation, executive, governance-chair), Centerre Bank.

A prolific author, Mr. Mahoney has been an editorial contributor to *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *Boardroom*, *Directors and Boards*, and many other publications. Over a period of two years he wrote a series of editorial columns for *The New York Times* Sunday business section entitled "Viewpoint". For several years he produced The CEO Series for the Weidenbaum Center, some thirty original essays written by CEOs of major corporations.

In 2003 Mr. Mahoney published "In My Opinion" a collection of his writings on public policy, corporate strategy, management, trade and other topics. He currently hosts a conference for TV, radio and print journalists each summer at Cape Cod, sponsored by the Weidenbaum Center, covering broad topics of free enterprise, corporate governance and public policy and conducts seminars on the topic of Op-Ed writing at a summer writer's conference. Other activities include business consulting, teaching, lecturing, and various charitable activities. He has recently edited "The Quotable Winston Churchill" a book published on behalf of The Churchill Memorial and Library at Westminster College in Fulton, MO.