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On Tuesday (April 7), our New York public relations office received a call from Dr. Franklin Field, science editor for Station WNBC (the NBC-owned station) in New York. Dr. Field said that Congressman Ryan, from New York state, would make a statement on Friday, April 10, which would blast Monsanto and its pollution of the environment by polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).

Dr. Field asked that Monsanto supply an interviewee who could speak about PCBs in rebuttal to what Congressman Ryan would say.

The Organic division decided to send Elmer Wheeler, medical department and William Papageorge, environmental manager, functional fluids, to New York for the interview. The interview took place on Thursday afternoon, April 9, and it was a "tough one" according to Messrs. Wheeler, Papageorge and our New York public relations people in attendance.

We have received copies of Congressman Ryan's remarks and they are attached. (Marginal notes were made by Dr. Field during the interview). We can expect to receive numerous press queries following Congressman Ryan's news conference Friday.

Also attached is a copy of our current position statement on PCBs, which due to the above circumstances, will need immediate revision.

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