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Dear Mister Bell:

I have before me the residue data for the December, 1971;
March, 1972; and June, 1972 trips to Choccolocco Creek, the Coosa
River, and respective tributaries.

In comparing these sets of data in a very general way, I am
encouraged by some significant drops in residue levels for the main
stream of the Choccolocco Creek Study Area. However, I was quite
surprised to see some significant increases in levels for the Stanley
Bridge and Clear Creek sites. If the latter increases are indeed real,
perhaps some of the residue materials have been flushed out of Chocco-
locco Creek into the Coosa River. We actually know nothing with regard
to the physical transport of these materials.

At any rate, I do not want to go out on a limb until I have seen
the data for the September, 1972, survey which will be especially important
since this will be the first lot of fishes that we expect ^{to} be relatively
free of P.C.B.'s.

Please keep us informed with respect to the March and September, 1973
trips we proposed for the continuation of the survey

Thank you for your consideration.

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Very truly yours,
Gerald E. Gunning
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