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Dear George:

Enclosed are the correction pages for the three teratology studies with Aroclor 1242, Aroclor 1254 and Aroclor 1260.

I discussed the interpretation of the renal caudal ectopia, found with Aroclor 1254, with Dr. Keplinger. He is in agreement with the interpretation that this is probably not a specific teratogenic effect but a general indication of the toxicity of the material. In reviewing the results from the three generation study there appears to be a reduction in both 5 day and 21 day pup survival in the group fed the highest level (100 ppm) of Aroclor 1254. This was not observed in the other Aroclor groups or in groups fed 1 or 10 ppm, again suggesting that the level of Aroclor had a general toxic effect.

As I pointed out in our phone conversation, the small differences observed in sex ratios are not significant. A statement to that effect has been inserted.

If you have further questions, contact me at any time.

Sincerely yours,

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