Dr. Calloway appears to be relying on some information which is outdated. Congressman William F. Ryan, who was interested in PCBs in 1970 and 1971, died on September 17, 1972. He would have been pleased with the progress which has been achieved in controlling the entry of PCBs into the environment.

The production information which Congressman Ryan was seeking was released in 1971. Since then it has been revised to include each additional year's production and copies are available to anyone who makes a request. In addition Monsanto representatives have made presentations before the Federal Interdepartmental Task Force on PCBs, the Food and Drug Administration, the Effluent Standards and Water Quality Information and Advisory Committee to the EPA, the Great Lakes States Governors Interagency Pesticide Council and numerous trade associations. We have participated in public hearings relating to PCB effluent standards and discussed PCBs with many individuals with universities, industry and government, worldwide. In short we have been willing to discuss PCBs openly and hopefully we have been helpful.

PCBs have been described as "lethal to fish, hampering reproduction in birds and having catastrophic consequences for certain ecological systems." None of these results have been supported by the available evidence. For example, the early contention that PCBs were responsible for the reproduction problems noted with the brown pelicans off Southern California were disproven by the wildlife laboratory of the Department of the Interior.

Aggressive control of losses to the environment during manufacture has been practiced by Monsanto and has resulted in measurable losses to the sewer of less than 0.001% of total production.

Although the sales of Monsanto's PCB products were reduced by about 50% as a result of its voluntarily imposed restrictions, the profits realized from the remaining sales are modest and represent less than one-half of one per cent of total Monsanto Company profits.

The search of alternative materials to replace PCBs continues with no fire resistant alternative available at present. Millions of dollars have been spent to control and replace the PCBs.

Our efforts are continuing.