Table 9

U.S. CHEMICAL EXPORTS, IMPORTS, AND TRADE BALANCE BY PRINCIPAL DESTINATION AND SOURCE, 1961-1967

(Millions of dollars)

SITC Section	IMPORTS FROM: World	Less Uranium Oxide Imports	Total Chemical Imports excluding Uranium Oxide
5 All Chemicals			
1961	732	276	456
1962	766	252	514
1963	714	190	524
1964	707	111	596
1965	778	58	720
1966	942	41	901
1967[1/]	963	16	947

Mr. BARNARD. You can see from the table, the imports as shown on the Government's exhibit. It shows imports growing from $732 to $963 million. The first three figures on that table were not the figures as they were published by the Department of Commerce at that time, so we went back to find out what accounted for the discrepancy. I would like to tell you how the Government got their figures and reached the results which this table supposedly supports.

From 1942 to 1960 the imports of radioactive materials were not published in the figures presumably because it would reveal information about our atomic stockpile.

In 1960, for the first time, the figures of uranium oxide imports were revealed and at that time they were classified as minerals and included in the minerals schedules of the statistics.

In September 1963, uranium oxide and some other materials were reclassified and put into the chemical schedule.

What the Government has done in this table is to go back for 1961 and 1963 and include imports of this mineral uranium oxide as though it were a chemical import.