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October 30, 1984

The Honorable Donald P. Hodel Secretary Department of Energy Forrestal Building 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

As you know, the Subcommittee has been surveying Atomic Energy Commission files dealing with radiation exposure over the period 1945-1962. This is to request that copies of certain documents in those files be provided to the Subcommittee for further review.

Many of the requested documents are <u>Unclassified</u> or are <u>Por</u> <u>Official Use Only</u> and thus may be provided directly without difficulty. However, I understand that a number of the documents are classified. In view of the age of the subject material, I believe these documents could likely be declassified. Accordingly, I request that their classification be reviewed by the Department so that declassified copies can be provided where possible. Copies of any documents which must remain classified should be transmitted separately to the Subcommittee office.

The subcommittee staff contact for this request is Dr. Gerald Brubaker who can be reached at 226-2424. A list of the requested documents is attached.

Thank you for your cooperation is this matter.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Ottinger / Chairman

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#### ATTACHMENT

#### Box 1

File: Special Case 3-9 Wenzel, Albert

Document requested: Telegram April 14, 1948 Shields Warren to Col. DeCoursey.

File: Special Case 3-9 Gonstead, Arthur R.

Documents requested: News Clip - Seattle Home News - Dec. 18. 1948. December 31, 1948 ltr. from Buettne to Warren

File: Health and Safety Effects 1945-1952. (UNCLAS).

Documents requested: Letters from Governor of Utah, May 9, 1952. Letter of Governor J. Bracken Lee to Gordon Dean, Chairman AEC, May 7, 1952.

<u>File</u>: Medicine Health & Safety Effect. Hiroshima and Nagasaki ... 1945-1952

Documents requested: Memo: Bowers from Aebersold, ORNL, March 18, 1948. Subject: Investigation of Patients which have received radio isotopes

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-- contains subject list

-- names of <u>investigators</u> who have received large doses marked in red. 29 names total - UNCLASSIFIED

**<u>Pile</u>:** (Secret) Radiation Exposure Records "52" (Confidential)

Documents requested: "Radiation Accident at Argonne", Memo June 3, 1952 from Durham. From: Thomas L. Shipman, M.D. To: S. Allan Loyl, May 14, 1952 (POUO)

Attachment: May 12, 1952 (6 pages), signed by Carl W. Berkland, plus Summary of Blood Examinations "Results of blood counts given in tabular form" - <u>Missing</u> POUO

Pebruary 29, 1952 letter.

To: John C. Bugher from Thomas Shipman (Conf.) Memo lists and explains individual exposures in excess of 3.9r. Air force personnel in Operation "Buster-Jangle".

Letter (Restricted) February 25, 1952 To: Lt. Col. James B. Hartgering From: Thomas D. Shipman Memo (Secret) January 5, 1951 To: Distribution List From: Shipman

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Permissible Exposures to Radiation at Site Mercury.

#### Box 2

File: Special Cases, 1953, (Secret)

Documents requested: Dr. Alfred Dick, USN, (UNCLAS.) Two Memos to Files dated July 16, 1956 and July 15, 1956 by C.L. Durham (UNCLAS).

Letter: May 4, 1953, (UNCLAS.) To: John C. Burgher From: Walter Claus

Letter: May 7, 1954, Dunham to Brundage

File: 3-9 SPECIAL CASES (MIS. "J-O" )

Document Requested: ORNL Personnel (NAMES) averages over 120mr/week over 26 weeks, June 25, 1949

File: Medicine, HES Special Cases 1953 Documents requested: Memo: Dr. Gordon Dunning, to file, June 12, 1953 Info on 3 cases of alleged radiation sickness at Tempiute,

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Nevada (Lincoln Mine) Info on 12 cases total PRIVACY ACT MATERIAL REMOVED

Letter: Brundage to Durham, May 7, 1953

Memo: Burgher from Claus, May 4, 1953, (UNCLAS) Advice on Fall-out Cases at UCLA

Study "Some Post Exposure Studies of Urinary Uranium", "AR. Bernard" Y-12 (Secret)

Memo Shaw to Warren, December 4, 1950 (Secret) Subject: Radiation Over-exposure

Letter - Geraty to Davison (UNCLAS) Re: Veteran with Leukemia, June 11, 1952

Letter - Lyon to Geraty, undated (UNCLAS)

File: Special Cases Misc. (Secret) "J-0". 1953 PRIVACY ACT MATERIAL REMOVED.

Documents requested: Case: Case: Case: (UNCLAS)

Case: , February 1950 (UNCLAS) (Entire file) 5000825 Was in Bikimi Test Program, 1946, last correspondence May 25, 1950

File: Misc. "P-Z", 1953 (Confidential)

Entire file requested

- <u>Pile</u>: "MR&A" Analysis of Soil from Tests, 1954 (Confidential) Entire file requested
- File: MR&A, 1954 Radiation Exposures native and Test Personnel, March-May 1954, Bikini

Documents requested:

Memo: May 20, 1954 (Confidential) To: John Burgher, OGC, May 20, 1954 From: Gordon Dunning Subject: Suggested Answers to Questions Raised by State Dept. 4 pages.

## Memo:

To: Those listed below

From: Morse Salisbury, March 5, 1954

Draft AEC-DOD statement and attached statements related to test on February 28, 1954 and resulting evacuation of natives in Marshall Islands.

Memo: Fields from Bugher, March 5, Secret R/D

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### Box 3

File: Organization and Management Report - (Confidential)

Documents requested:

"Operation Castle, Final Report Project 4.1 Entitled "Study of Response of Human Beings Accidentially Exposed to Significant Fallout Radiation" Author: E.P. Cronkite, et al, October 1954. Entire file requested

<u>File</u>: Test TWX (Secret)

Fallout on Japan

March 21, 1954 (Secret)

Vols 1-4

Entire file requested

File: Medicine, Health & Safety (Secret)

Monitoring Fallout, 1956 3-8

Document requested: Memo: Durham from Dunning (UNCLAS) Subject: Estimate accumulation of Sr-90 from continued weapons testing.

File: MR&A, 1954 7-5 Native & Test Personnel (Confidential) Entire file requested

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Box 4

File: Special Cases, (Secret) A-7, 1956
Entire file requested

Pile: Medicine. Health & Safety, 1959
Entire file requested

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