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Dear Dr. Seaborg:

The Advisory Committee for Biology and Medicine held its 112th meeting on March 10 and 11, 1966, at the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory, Livermore, California, to review the activities of the Biomedical Research Division. The Committee met in executive session at the San Francisco Operations Office in Berkeley on the 12th.

The Committee believes that a commendable beginning has been made by the divisional staff towards its initially designated responsibility -"to predict quantitatively the life history of radionuclides in the biosphere and to determine the possible contributions from nuclear devices." Particularly impressive have been researches involving the cooperation of physicists, chemists and engineers with whom relationships appear to be congenial.

It is the feeling of the ACBM that to a considerable degree orientation of research within the Biomedical Research Division should be toward its avowed mission, but with sufficient emphasis on sound, fundamental biological research to insure input of originality and critical thinking in the experimental design of the many applied problems being studied.

After careful consideration, the ACBM nominated potential candidates to replace three retiring members of the Committee, and I understand that letters inviting these individuals to serve on the ACBM have been prepared for your signature.

Sincerely yours,

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Fred J. Hodges, M.D. Chairman, Advisory Committee for Biology and Medicine

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