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TO: W. B. REYNOLDS

April 17, 1956

As you know, Special Air Mission flights originate out of Travis Air Force Base. The military and AEC require that helicopters be in the air at the time of SAM flight take-offs and maintain the aircraft within visual distance until the plane is beyond the Golden Gate Bridge. Helicopters will be dispatched from Travis and Hamilton Field.

The military and AEC claim they do not have competent radiological safety personnel available and, therefore, asked UCRL to assign one employee to each helicopter. The purpose is to provide competent technical direction in the event the SAM flight should crash and there is contamination. Personnel in helicopters could, in theory, approach the area and assume control of ground activities.

There will be quite a number of these flights apparently and it is my understanding that members from the Health Chemistry and Health Physics groups would be passengers. William Clark and Joseph Cochran are the first UCRL people to engage in this mission.

Very likely the individual personal life insurance would be placed in jeopardy and we do not have authority to cover them with Lloyd's policy. In the event of a disaster these men may be candidates for consideration under the welfare clause.

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