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SUBJECT: DNA 6036 (IVY) Reference C.1.7.4

This memorandum is being written as a record of the receipt of a recollection by Mr. Gordon Facer used in the preparation of the Ivy report. The first memorandum recording this communication has been inexplicably misplaced or was never written.

Facer first indicated to me that he had been an Ivy participant as he was telling me how the skiffs in Redwing Project 2.63 were moored (probably in October 1980). During the '50s Facer had been a Navy Officer and had participated in at least two nuclear test series. At the time of this Redwing communication he was the Department of Energy representative on the committee that met monthly at the Defense Nuclear Agency to discuss the progress of the Nuclear Test Personnel Review Program. This committee also critiqued the reports we were preparing and it was in this context that the discussion of the mooring of the skiffs occurred.

After this initial communication, Facer also talked to M.J. Osborne of the Tempo Alexandria office about his Ivy participation, but these talks were general and did not contribute anything to the report. All the recollection that was in our report was based on a phone conversation in 1981 during the period when I was working on Ivy. The substance of his recollection was as follows.

Facer was part of the radsafe organization during Ivy. He remembered accompanying a group retrieving film from a bunker on Boken following Mike shot. We at Tempo later inferred this was Project 2.6. Facer told of participating in the cutting open of a jammed door of a data recording bunker. The transporting helicopter was used to bring the men down to alternate with the cutting torch in order to "break up the dose".

I asked Facer when this took place and he replied that it occurred the afternoon of the Mike shot day. When I pointed out to him that the records indicate that the radiation levels on Boken at that time were in thousands of R/hr, he laughed and said that at least he could remember the thing that he as the radsafe monitor "was supposed to remember", i.e., the radiation intensity which was 16 R/hr. I suggested that this appeared to coincide with a published reading for several days after the shot and Facer agreed that this was probably correct. The Payne Harris recollection (Ivy reference C.1.7.6) of the discovery of the jammed door of November 2 is consistent with the later date.

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I also asked Facer if he had been involved with other activities on Ivy that would have contributed to his radiation exposure. He was involved in some activity following King shot, but did not think that it would have added to his total measured exposure.

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