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Honorable Clinton P. Anderson
 Chairman
 Joint Committee on Atomic Energy
 Congress of the United States

Dear Senator Anderson:

In connection with the WIGWAM operation, the Division of Biology and Medicine established a system for the monitoring of commercial fish under the direction of Dr. Willie E. Boss, of the Biology Branch. All shipments of fish, shark livers and shark fins brought to the West Coast from the general region of California and Mexico were monitored by the installation of automatic devices operating on conveyor lines and handling facilities at other points of the process line. From May 12 to June 13 a total of over 28 million pounds of fish has been monitored as shown by the following table:

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Type	Locations monitored		Total
	General Region, Los Angeles	San Diego	
Shark Livers	200,500 lbs	0	200,500 lbs.
Shark Fins	1,011,205 "	11,000	1,022,205 "
Shark Fins	51,100 "	0	51,100 "
Shark Fins	3,000 "	0	3,000 "
Shark Fins	17,200,000 "	6,700,000	17,200,000 "
(Caught before but not monitored after August 1955)			
Shark Fins	2,310,000 lbs.	1,400,000	10,800,000 "
(Caught after but not monitored)			
		Total	27,310,000 "

Field monitoring was discontinued on July 7 and the automatic monitoring will be terminated in August 13, 1955. We estimate that by the time the operation is finished we will have monitored approximately 55 million pounds of fish.

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No radioactive fish from the WICOM area have been encountered to date. Four fish in a shipment from Japan were found to be slightly radioactive from the CASTLE operation and are now being subjected to careful radiochemical analysis.

Sincerely yours,

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General Manager

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