

was made an ongoing responsibility of the Division of Biology and Medicine of the AEC.

Unfortunately, the transition was not without difficulties, but not with the program at MIT. The newly formed CHR agreed to accept all personnel at MIT who wished to continue working on the radium program, and four staff members from MIT did transfer to Argonne. In addition, two staff members, Miss Shanahan and Professor Evans himself, constituted an Argonne satellite activity at MIT, and later, after their retirements, in Arizona. All of the radium case records were copied and sent to Argonne. Similarly, the case records from the terminated New Jersey Radium Research Project, which had been transferred to MIT, were sent to Argonne. An Argonne office was maintained and staffed in Orange, New Jersey, to maintain contact with the dial painters in that area.

The difficulties occurred at Argonne. Miller, Finkel, and Hasterlik were offered roles in the new CHR, but they refused. Finkel then stated that as physicians they could not turn over their medical records without written approval of each of the living subjects, but he did agree to turn over the records of the deceased individuals.

The Chairman of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, Congressman Holifield, wrote to Rowland in 1969, asking for a report on the transfer of patients from the Hasterlik, Finkel, Miller group to the CHR. After a meeting between Rowland and Finkel to determine the status of the transfer, Finkel took it upon himself to answer Holifield directly. In a letter to Holifield dated May 8, 1969, Finkel indicated his displeasure with the assignment of the responsibility of the radium program.

In a periodic report to Dr. Spofford English, General Manager for Research and Development, AEC, Rowland reported on December 11, 1970, that files for all 131 deceased individuals and for 87 of the 287 living subjects in Finkel's possession had been received by the CHR. As a consequence of a meeting between administrators from the University of Chicago and Argonne, to resolve the conflict about patient records, Finkel had agreed to write to each living radium subject for whom he had medical records. He was to tell the subjects about the formation of the CHR and ask if they would allow their records to be transferred to this new organization. What Rowland did not know was that Miller had written to many of the subjects before Finkel's letter was sent, asking them not to allow their records to be transferred.

Fortunately, after the Illinois radium cases had been identified and located, little difficulty was encountered in obtaining the required permission to transfer the files. This was undoubtedly because of the high-quality team