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Mr. W. K. Cunningham, Jr.
Superintendent
Virginia State Penitentiary
300 Spring Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr. Cunningham:

The Secretary of the Navy has referred your letter of 24 June 1963 to this Bureau for reply.

The Research Division sincerely appreciates the offer of William J. Moffitt to serve as a volunteer subject in the field of medical research. The use of a single subject within a prison environment is extremely rare, and currently the Medical Department is not in a position to utilize the services of prisoner Moffitt.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Rear Admiral, MC, USN

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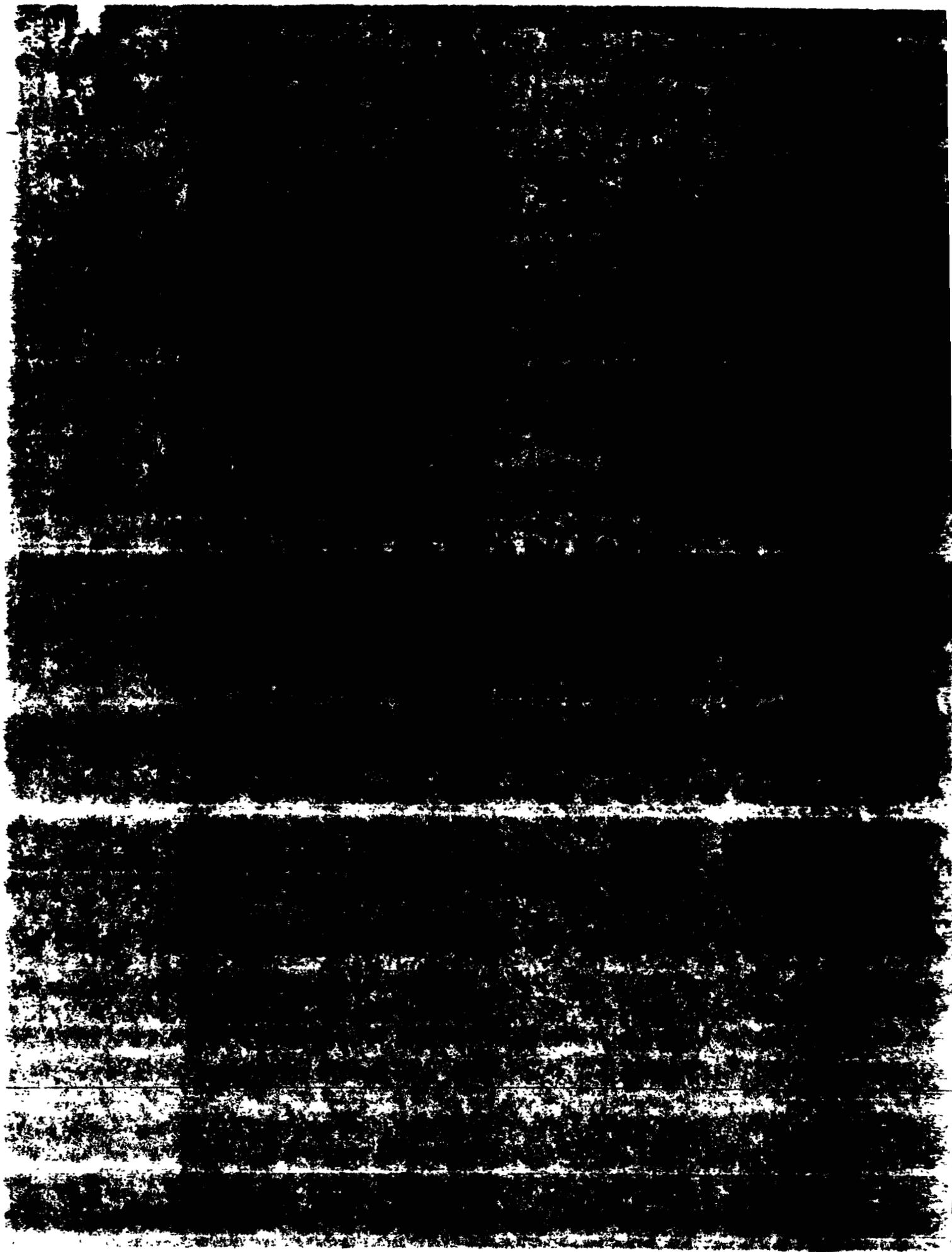
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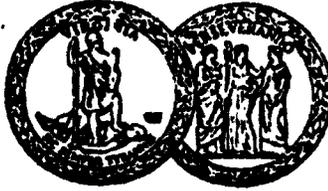
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ADDRESS REPLY TO:
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500 SPRING STREET
RICHMOND 19, VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS

June 24, 1963

The Honorable Fred Korth
Secretary of the Navy
Navy Department
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Attached is a letter addressed to you by William J. Moffett, our prisoner #82914, who is serving a sentence at this institution.

I have told Moffett I have no objections to his sending this letter, but he must understand that any research for the Navy in which he participates would have to be done in the institution and be of a type approved by the Prison Administration.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. K. Cunningham, Jr.".

W. K. Cunningham, Jr.
Superintendent

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500 Spring Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

June 20, 1963

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REGISTERED MAIL

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The Honorable Fred Korth
Secretary of the Navy
Navy Department
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I would like to take this opportunity to offer myself, as a volunteer, for the testing of some of the Navy's various experiments or experimental equipment and machines. I recently received an Undesirable discharge from the Navy (1962) as a result of a civil conviction; having completed almost 15 years of continuous naval service. I am in perfect health and my statistics are as follows:

NAME: NOFFITT, William Joseph DATE OF BIRTH: June 26, 1930
HEIGHT: 6'11" WEIGHT: 195 PREVIOUS SERVICE NUMBER: 209 89 84
MARITAL STATUS: Wife, 3 children INTELLIGENCE QUOTIENT: 117
MECHANICAL ABILITY: Average VISION: 20-20 (corrected)

(Currently serving a 12 year sentence at the Virginia State Penitentiary for civil conviction of Armed Robbery)

Recently, I have read about persons volunteering for similar services and I would like to offer my services in any way which you may desire for experiments, such as being placed in solitary, space, or under water, for the purpose of benefiting the Navy's study in personal reactions, chemical changes, withstanding of pressures, etc., and experiments in any of the experimental equipment or machines for the Navy.

I cannot, nor do I condone my actions for my recent behavior leading up to my present plight and the resulting effect of ruining my Navy career. However, I do feel that in offering myself to the Navy as a human "guinea pig", and performing such tasks, experiments and duties which you may desire to select for me, I will be contributing a small service for the benefit of the United State Navy, my Navy, of which I have become a disgrace to.

This letter is not being written with a "spur of the moment" attitude. On the contrary, this matter has been in my mind continually during the past year. I do not seek financial reward nor do I expect special consideration in regard to my present situation. I sincerely wish to contribute, in any manner that I possibly may, my services or entire person to the Navy for the development of equipment, machines, experiments, or anything else that will help the Navy, and mankind as well, in the way of new medicines, new machines, etc., which will contribute to our National Defense and to the maintaining of peace.

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Occasionally, this Institution calls for volunteers to participate in medical experiments at the Virginia Medical College. However, in view of my present incarceration, I feel that I am repaying the citizens of Virginia for my past criminal behavior. I feel dedicated, not to the State of Virginia, but to the United State Navy, and I would be grateful if I could be selected, as a volunteer, in fulfilling the needs of the Navy.

This letter is being written to you in the strictest of confidence with the hope that it will not fall into the hands of columnists or other news-seeking individuals. I do not desire any publicity in this matter, nor am I encouraging any.

Won't you please take my request into consideration? Possibly, my services are needed at one of the Navy's experimental laboratories or at the Medical Center in Bethesda. If not at the present, then perhaps my services may be required at a later date. I am sure that the prison officials will cooperate with you in any experimental program which you may desire to call me to participate in.

This letter is being submitted via the Superintendent of the Virginia State Penitentiary, 300 Spring Street, Richmond 19, Virginia for his endorsement and submission to you via registered mail.

Very respectfully yours,

WILLIAM JOSEPH McFFITT
Prisoner Number #82914

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