

APRIL 10, 1973

The Honorable John S. Foster, Jr.  
 Director of Defense, Research and Engineering  
 Room 3E1005  
 The Pentagon  
 Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Dr. Foster:

Senate Health Subcommittee, which I chair, has been holding hearings on medical research involving human subjects. The days of hearings that we have held have focused on activities sponsored by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. In the coming weeks, we would like to look at other Federally financed or sponsored medical research.

I would very much appreciate it if you could arrange a briefing for the Subcommittee staff to cover the following topics:

1. The scope of the Department of Defense biomedical research involving human subjects.
2. The nature of the protocol review process.
3. The standards for informed consent in such experiments.
4. The status of the Department of Defense research into psychosurgery and behavioral modification.

Dr. Lawrence Horowitz of the Committee staff has been in contact with your office concerning such a briefing. I would appreciate your earliest possible cooperation with this request. Dr. Horowitz can be contacted at 225-8937.

Sincerely,

*Edward M. Kennedy*  
 Edward M. Kennedy, Chairman  
 Senate Health Subcommittee

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