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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SURGEON GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

SUBJECT: Radiation Exposure Evaluation Facility at the NNMC, Bethesda, Md.

Reference is made to your memorandum dated 23 August 1957 on the above subject.

As I indicated to your representatives at the meeting on 8 August 1957, approval of a project of this nature could not be made at that time as I would have to review this project in more detail.

Since the meeting of 8 August I have discussed the proposed project with representatives of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission and was informed that a similar evaluation facility was being installed at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D. C.

I talked with representatives of the Army and was informed that the installation of the equipment would be completed by 1 January 1958. They stated that they would be happy to cooperate with the Navy in making space available for Navy personnel assigned for the purpose of using this equipment and that, in their opinion, the equipment was capable of testing many more patients than would be available from Army sources.

I presented this information to the Deputy Secretary of Defense, who stated two such facilities in the Washington, D. C. area could not be supported by the Department of Defense until it was determined by experience that the one which will be available by 1 January 1958 is not capable of meeting the total requirement for the area.

In view of the above, I regret that I cannot support the proposed radiation exposure evaluation facility at the NNMC, Bethesda, Maryland at this time. If such a facility were planned for one of your installations on the west coast, I would support it.

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*Evaluation Approved*



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BUREAU OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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23 Aug 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (HEALTH AND MEDICAL)

Subj: Radiation Exposure Evaluation Facility; request for concurrence  
in

Ref: (a) Conference in the Office of Dr. Berry, Assistant Secretary  
of Defense (H&M) on 8 Aug 1957

Encl: (1) Copy of ltr from Deputy Director Division of Biology and  
Medicine, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, to Chief, BUMED  
of 19 Aug 1957

1. Reference (a) requested approval for construction of a Radiation  
Exposure Evaluation Facility at the National Naval Medical Center,  
Bethesda, Maryland, in the Navy's F. Y. 1959 Military Construction  
Program.

2. Enclosure (1), forwarded herewith as further justification for  
construction of a Radiation Exposure Evaluation Facility, is a copy  
of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission's concurrence in the desirability  
of developing a Radiation Exposure Evaluation Facility in the  
Washington area.

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ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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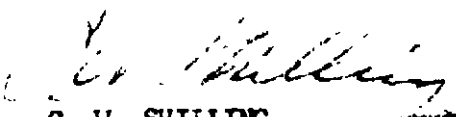
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From: C. W. Shilling, M.D., Deputy Director, Division of Biology and Medicine, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, Washington.  
To: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Department of the Navy, Washington, Attn: F. P. Gilmore, Assistant Chief for Planning and Logistics.

Subj: RADIATION EXPOSURE EVALUATION FACILITY - Comments on

Ref: BUMED-41-eps A1-1, dtd 12 August 1957. *OK*

1. In compliance with referenced request, the Division of Biology and Medicine of the Atomic Energy Commission is happy to comment on the need for the radiation exposure evaluation building and the low-background counting chamber and radioisotopes laboratory facilities.
2. We believe that the Navy's justification for the subject facility and its associated equipment is amply documented in the material sent as enclosures to subject reference. We concur in the desirability of developing such an establishment in the Washington area.
3. The Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, of course, is fully aware of the need for additional research in this area, the requirement for which is related rather directly to Navy-centered problems. Undoubtedly, plans are underway for the development of allied research programs to fully utilize this facility. However, the request would, we believe, be materially strengthened by mention of such cooperative efforts.
4. Also, we would like to call attention to the fact that there are under Atomic Energy auspices several "whole body counters" or low-background, counting chambers either completed and in use or in the process of construction. Several of our AEC staff and our contractors are actively interested in the development of these rather complicated pieces of equipment and we offer to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery any assistance that they may care to call upon us for in developing the design for this facility.

  
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Deputy Director,  
Division of Biology and Medicine

ENCLOSURE (1)