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Honorable Durward G. Hall  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Dr. Hall:

This letter is in response to the questions you asked me in our telephone conversation on the 21st of April about our radiobiology research program.

I appreciate your interest in this program and agree with you that the Department of Defense must continue its radiobiology research work on the effects of ionizing radiation.

A member of my staff, LTC Robert J. T. Joy, Medical Corps, USA, is available to come to your office at your convenience and explain all the details of our current plans and programs. (Tel: OX 79215).

After you have talked with Dr. Joy, I would be most grateful if you would send to me a letter which would give me the benefit of your thoughts and advice on this program.

Sincerely,

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Covering Brief

TO: Director, Defense Research and Engineering  
FROM: Deputy Director (Research and Technology)

Problem: To answer questions asked you by Congressman Durward G. Hall about the DoD radiobiology program and the future of AFRRRI. Dr. Hall telephoned you on 21 April 1970.

Discussion: A DDR&E, ad hoc committee reviewed the DoD radiobiology effort in September - December 1969. Dr. Chris Zarafonitis of the University of Michigan was Chairman. The committee concluded that radiobiology nuclear weapons effects research (NWER) was essentially complete but that the preventive and therapeutic aspects of ionizing radiation illness had not had enough work. They recommended that the DoD program emphasize the medical aspects and that the AFRRRI be transferred from DASA, suggesting that the Navy Surgeon General be made the executive manager. They also recommended phasing out individual programs in the Army and Air Force.

Dr. Hall has been briefed by the Director and the Surgeon, DASA. He still has questions about what you plan to do about radiobiology research.

This memorandum offers to have LTC Joy brief Dr. Hall, and asks Dr. Hall to write you a letter giving you his opinions after he has been briefed.

Recommendation: That you sign the attached letter to Congressman Hall.

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