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Dear Doctor Topping:

The Committee on Medical Sciences and the Committee on Atomic Energy, with the approval of the Research and Development Board of the National Military Establishment, have established a Joint Panel on Medical Aspects of Atomic Warfare. The subject matter for which this Panel is responsible includes "research and development in the medical aspects of atomic warfare with special emphasis on human tolerance to and protection against radioactivity, decontamination of exposed individuals, and treatment of radiation casualties," insofar as these problems apply to the National Military Establishment.

Panel membership will consist of a civilian chairman with deputy, two civilian members with deputies, two military members with deputies from each of the three Departments, and an associate member from each major governmental agency formally nominating a qualified representative. Dr. Joseph Aub, Professor of Research Medicine, Harvard University School of Medicine, has been appointed as Chairman of the Panel.

While only members are privileged to vote, associate members may record a dissent which is carried along with the vote for consideration at the next higher level within the organization of the Research and Development Board.

In accordance with the interests and responsibilities of the National Institute of Health, I should therefore like to invite your nomination of a representative from the NIH to serve as an associate member on our Panel on Medical Aspects of Atomic Warfare. As you know, Mr. Allen M. Feed, Assistant Chief, Sanitary Engineering Division, of the Public Health Service, will serve on the Panel as an associate member representing the U.S. Public Health Service.

Attached for your information are copies of the directives of the Committee on Medical Sciences and the Joint Panel on Medical Aspects of Atomic Warfare.

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Sincerely yours,

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