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The Honorable William J. Perry
The Secretary of Defense

Attention: DOD Office of the Inspector General
Director for GAO Surveys and Reviews

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This is to inform you that the General Accounting Office, in response to a congressional request, is initiating a review of human use experiments conducted within the Department of Defense during the Cold War era. Our review will include chemical, biological, radiological and medical experiments, both classified and non-classified. Our objectives are to provide (1) an overview on the types and magnitude of tests conducted; and (2) information on the federal government's response to include efforts to notify participants, provide assistance, and compensate test participants.

Our work, scheduled to begin this month, will be conducted under assignment code 709096. This assignment has been coordinated with Peggy Wright.

If you have any questions about this assignment, please contact Tom Howard, Assistant Director, at (202) 512-3620, or Glenn Furbish at (202) 512-8439.

Sincerely yours,

Donna M. Heivilin, Director
Defense Management and NASA Issues