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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE HERBERT B. LOPER
Assistant to the Secretary of Defense
(Atomic Energy)

The attached are forwarded for your information. These letters are being sent by Secretary Ribicoff and, as Defense representative on the Federal Radiation Council, I coordinated. I told Dr. Chadwick I thought these were excellent letters.

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Federal Radiation Council was established in 1959 by Public Law 86-373 "..... to advise the President with respect to radiation matters, directly or indirectly affecting health, including guidance for all Federal agencies in the formulation of radiation standards and in the establishment and execution of programs of cooperation with States."

On May 13, 1960, the President approved the recommendations contained in a memorandum from the Federal Radiation Council, entitled, "Radiation Protection Guidance for Federal Agencies," a copy of which is enclosed. These recommendations provided numerical values for radiation protection guides for the whole body and certain organs of radiation workers and for the whole body of individuals in

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the general population as well as an average population gonadal dose.

The Council is currently considering the problem of providing recommendations to the President on radiation protection guides for workers in uranium mines. In view of the important responsibilities of the Department of the Interior in this area, the Council would like to invite your cooperation in this study.

Staff work in connection with studies of the Council is carried on by temporary staffs of specialists detailed to the Council by the member agencies. It would be very desirable if one of the specialists in the Bureau of Mines could be assigned to work with the staff which has been set up for this study. The nature of the study is such that it should not require the fulltime of the individual. Since close working relationships exist between staff members assigned to this project and

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and individuals in the Bureau of Mines, I should like to suggest that, subject to your concurrence, arrangements be made between the Council staff and the Office of Health and Safety Activities of the Bureau for cooperative efforts in this study.

When the Council meets to consider this problem we would like to invite you or someone you wish to designate to meet with us and participate in the discussions.

Sincerely yours,

Abraham A. Ribicoff, Chairman
Federal Radiation Council

The Honorable Stewart Lee Udall
Secretary of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

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TO: Governors of the uranium mining States - Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, Wyoming, South Dakota, Washington

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The Council is currently considering the problem of providing recommendations to the President on radiation protection guides for workers in uranium mines. As a part of its study and in addition to examining the known technical factors associated with the hazard in uranium mining, the staff of the Council wishes to examine all available data on existing levels of radioactivity in the mines and experience in the application of methods for the control of airborne radioactivity in mines.

Several of the agencies with membership on the Council have close working relationships with agencies within the State of Additionally, in this study the Council is working closely with the

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U. S. Department of the Interior. The Bureau of Mines of that Department has similar relationships within your State.

The Council wishes to assure that all relevant data receive adequate attention and consideration. Many State agencies have important information on health and safety in uranium mines. We would like to utilize the existing Federal-State relationships mentioned above, in this instance under the auspices of the Federal Radiation Council, to obtain this information. We would appreciate your help in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Abraham A. Ribicoff, Chairman
Federal Radiation Council

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