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Honorable Caspar W. Weinberger
Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare
Washington, D. C. 20201

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

We appreciate your proposed initiative to develop more uniform Federal Standards for the protection of human subjects as outlined in your letter of 12 December 1973. We will be most happy to cooperate with you and other Federal agencies in developing uniform and improved standards for the protection of human research subjects. The standards you have proposed are in general agreement with our traditional policies, although we may have to make some procedural changes.

Our present research done with human subjects is performed to meet specific and sometimes urgent defense requirements. For that reason, although we are happy to conform to a Federal policy, the authority and responsibility to decide on specific human experiments must remain within the Department of Defense. Your proposal makes that possible.

As you asked, we are advising Dr. Edwards that the DoD representative on this matter is Colonel W. S. Augerson, MC, USA, OX-79215.

Sincerely,

William P. Clements, Jr.
Deputy Secretary of Defense

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**Honorable Charles C. Edwards
Assistant Secretary of Health
Department of Health, Education and Welfare
Washington, D.C. 20201**

Dear Dr. Edwards:

Secretary Weinberger asked the Secretary of Defense to designate a staff member to work with you in developing a more uniform Federal policy to protect human research subjects.

Our representative is Colonel William S. Angerson, Military Assistant for Medical and Life Sciences, Office of the Director, Defense Research and Engineering, The Pentagon 26301. His telephone is OX 79215.

Sincerely,

William P. Clements, Jr.
Deputy Secretary of Defense

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