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through filtration modules hidden in a tunnel, protected from the shells that land nearby.

The water produced is now ready for use. It will supply areas where the dangerous drudgery of drawing water, filling jugs, carrying it home and carrying it up, sometimes by pulley, goes on every day.

In many ways, the people of Sarajevo have given up on the broader question of a peace being imposed from the West. But this American water project at least represents some hope for life, or at least reduces the constant exposure to death.

Do you feel like your saving lives with this project?

CUNY: That's exactly what it is, a humanitarian project designed to reduce casualties and to provide safe drinking water to the people of Sarajevo.

PHILLIPS: It comes too late for Almir Tutsekovic's mother, too late for thousands of others. But it's a water project that will be measured not in gallons but in lives.

Mark Phillips, CBS News, Sarajevo

### Government-Sponsored Radiation Tests

CONNIE CHUNG: A congressional panel made a field trip to Massachusetts today. The mission? To get a whole new perspective on the secret radiation experiments on unsuspecting U.S. citizens. They took first-person testimony today from some who were zapped.

Correspondent Giselle Fernandez reports.

GISELLE FERNANDEZ: At the Fernald State School for the Retarded in Massachusetts today, former students told a congressional panel they never knew they were used as human guinea pigs to test the effects of radiation in the 1940s and '50s.

SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY: Did anybody ever explain why you were going to eat different foods?

CHARLES DYER: No. They just said it was vitamins, or something, to us.

FERNANDEZ: Parents were sent letters requesting consent for their children to take part

in a nutritional study. They were never told about radiation.

REP. EDWARD MARKEY: The children at the school were members of society that deserved protection, not exploitation as experimental subjects.

FERNANDEZ: Today's hearing is just part of what's becoming a massive nationwide probe into radiation experiments conducted by the government after World War II. Most were top secret, others promoted as a medical miracle.

FILM NARRATOR: This is atomic energy as God intended it to be used.

FERNANDEZ: Unknowing victims could run into the thousands.

SENATOR KENNEDY: We want to know what records exist, how great the dangers were, how much consent, if any, was obtained from the research, and how much harm was done.

DYER: When I first got out of this school here, then I started to develop lumps on my arms, my stomach.

FERNANDEZ: Austin LaRocque says he also has digestive problems and challenged medical experts on the panel.

AUSTIN LAROCQUE: I want to know, if it was your son, would you have accepted it?

DR. BRILL: Knowing what I know now, I would. But at that time, I don't know.

FERNANDEZ: No one yet knows the full scope of radiation testing on humans. But legislators say it's not only time to find out and compensate past victims, they also say the past philosophy of "what you don't know can't hurt you" certainly can and must never be practiced again.

Giselle Fernandez, CBS News, Boston.

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