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Dear Ms. Randall :

Thank you for attending the Workshop on the Public Health Response to Nasopharyngeal Radium Irradiation, conducted in New Haven, CT, on September 27 and 28, 1995. This Workshop was sponsored by the National Center for Environmental Health of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Office of Public Health and Environmental Hazards of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health at the Yale School of Medicine.

Many persons with an interest in nasopharyngeal radium participated in the workshop: physicians, scientists, public health officials, veterans, and others who may have had the treatment. The workshop was convened to answer numerous questions by veterans and civilians regarding possible adverse health effects of this former medical treatment. Presentations were given which reviewed information on the medical uses of nasopharyngeal radium instruments and evaluated current knowledge of risks of potential adverse health effects. The enclosed report was prepared by the panel which consisted of scientific, medical and public health experts and representatives of veterans' and civilians' organizations.

We are working with the sponsoring agencies to follow-up on this report so that the health concerns of individuals exposed to these treatments will be addressed effectively.

Sincerely yours,

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