

FROM THE DESK OF

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Dear Dr. Gall,

I have been asked to judge on the medical advisability of permitting two elderly (ages 68, 71) women to be questioned by a representative of a U.S. Senator investigating our wide-field radiation project.

Because of my intimate connection with the project I have consulted with both the psychologist, who evaluated the intimate mental status of these patients, and their tumor clinic physician, who knows them both well.

It is the unanimous opinion of the three of us, as well as the project director, Dr. E. L. Saenger, that such an inquisition could only be harmful to these women psychologically and, hence, medically.

The concerns of these patients

about their terminal cancer
could only be raised, with accompanying
feelings of hopelessness.

We for this feel it in the
best interest of our patients to
protect them from the stresses
and possible tragic consequences of
this investigation.

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