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Dear Dr. Saenger:

In regard to the phone call of December 13, 1971, I think the following comments important. From 1965 on I would meet, in the presence of witnesses, and talk with patients considered for whole or partial body radiation to explain the type of treatment which they might receive. It was customary for me to discuss all the other possible forms of therapy that might be directed against their cancer.

Also, I mentioned to them the possibility of complications from the radiation, among other things citing the strong possibility of hematologic change. During these discussions, it was indicated that all measures to prevent or successfully counter possible complications would be pursued. Specifically, as you may recall, I would frequently obtain permission for the storage and reinfusion of bone marrow at the same time as the consent for radiation therapy.

In addition, the patients were forewarned that this treatment might not benefit them directly but that value would be derived from either better understanding of the management of cancer or of radiation effects such as arise from nuclear catastrophes. I personally felt these people (patients and/or family) understood that which had been explained. In my judgement this constituted honest and sincere procurement of "informed consent".

Sincerely yours,



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