

**TAB**\_\_\_\_\_**RADIATION TESTING - UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI  
APRIL 12, 1994****MESSAGE**

- The Department of Defense has been engaged in an extensive effort to discover the facts surrounding DoD sponsored human radiation experiments.
- With the complete support of Secretary Perry, the Department has pledged its unqualified commitment to a thorough and complete search of all available records and the full public release of the pertinent information in those records.
- Retrieval of records has required time intensive "detective work" -- we are well into that process now and beginning to make excellent headway. All retrieved information will be turned over to the interagency working group and the Independent Advisory Committee for review.

**CURRENT NEWS**

- The Department of Defense played a role in the human radiation experiments conducted at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine between 1960 and 1972.
- The experiments conducted at Cincinnati call into question the adequacy of informed consent and evidence of non-therapeutic purposes.

**BACKGROUND**

- In September 1958, Dr. Eugene L. Saenger of the Department of Radiology, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, as the principal investigator, submitted an **unsolicited** research proposal to the Research and Development Division of the Army Surgeon General's office.
- The original goal was to try to develop a simple urine test to detect the amount of radiation exposure.

- DoD review of the proposal took over a year and involved a number of medical corps officers. In 1959, the Department agreed to a contract with the University of Cincinnati for the study of the metabolic changes in humans following total body irradiation.
  - At that time, DoD was interested in determining the biological, statistical and clinical features of radiation injury based on field commander needs to predict fatalities and injuries resulting from ionizing radiation of a nuclear weapon blast.
  - Cincinnati submitted ten reports to DoD between 1961 and 1972. The entirely unclassified Cincinnati studies have been previously reported in ten technical reports, 17 publications and 26 presentations at scientific meetings.
- All the information that DoD has compiled -- technical reports, some contract information and other related documents -- from the Cincinnati experiments will be provided to the Independent Advisory Committee recently established by President Clinton.
  - A major goal of DoD's research regarding the Cincinnati experiments is to provide a complete record for review by the Advisory Committee

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