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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Human Radiation Experiment (HRE) Records

In May 1988 and March 1989, the Defense Nuclear Agency (DNA) received Freedom of Information Act requests from The New York Times and The Cincinnati Enquirer, respectively, regarding HRE at the University of Cincinnati (UC) Hospital. DNA provided the newspapers the documents listed at TAB A.

Following Secretary O'Leary's public announcement concerning HRE, DNA either directly or on referral from the Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs), received nine FOIA requests for records concerning the UC HRE. Search efforts by both the Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute and DNA produced only one contract (DA-49-146-XZ-029) as of this date. Official copies of the contracts have been destroyed by the National Archives. Reports prepared by Dr. Saenger and his associates were publicly available at the National Technical Information Service, and thus were not subject to the FOIA.

Due to widespread interest, The Cincinnati Enquirer was contacted in an effort to obtain previously released documents as there was no statutory requirement for DNA to keep them. The Enquirer provided DNA the documents listed and attached at TAB B. The envelope in which the documents were mailed had been damaged in postal channels and the documents were in no logical sequence when received at DNA. We have attempted to arrange them as originally released. We cannot guarantee their accuracy. About half of them are missing the DNA attachment number and one document (original Attachment 4) could not be identified.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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2 Attachments  
as stated

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