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SUBJECT: Minutes of the Twenty-third Meeting, Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute Board of Governors, 7 November 1974

The Board of Governors

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**Director, Defense Nuclear Agency and
 Chairman, Board of Governors**

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The Surgeon General of the Navy

Guests

Dr. Anthony R. Curreri

Maj Gen Walter R. Tkach, USAF, MC

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Mr. Peter H. Haas

CAPT K. E. Sell, MC, USN

Dr. Robert G. Gray, Jr.

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 and Development Command; Commanding
 Officer, Naval Medical Research Institute
 Senior Investigator, Hematology and
 Supportive Care Branch, National Cancer
 Institute**

AFRRI Attendees

CAPT Myron I. Varon, MC, USN

COL LaWayne R. Stromberg, MC, USA

Col J. E. West, USAF, VC

Lt Col J. W. Cable, USAF, VC

Lt Col D. M. Verrilli, USAF

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Chairman, Experimental Pathology Department

Head, Veterinary Support Department

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COL Stromberg reviewed the AFRI support of the leukemia treatment program of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC). The original request to use the AFRI Cobalt-60 for therapeutic irradiation of patients prior to bone marrow transplantation was made in 1972 and was presented to the Board of Governors at their twentieth meeting on 13 April 1972. Copies of this request, NNMC protocols, the National Academy of Science review, and correspondence relating to the use of the Cobalt-60 facility by the NNMC and the NIH were given to the Board. At the present time, AFRI is providing the radiation source and required radiation source technicians for the two transplantation programs. Captain Varon is a member of the NNMC Transplantation Committee.

Captain Sell discussed the Navy's bone marrow transplantation program.

Dr. Graw then described the National Cancer Institute's (NCI) bone marrow transplantation program.

Following a brief general discussion of the programs, General Johnson reiterated that the AFRI role is to provide the source only and that AFRI and DNA are not involved in any experimental studies to obtain research data in whole body irradiation in these programs.

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