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SUBJECT: Comments on Draft Report (Your Fax, 1 June 1994)

Thank you for giving us an opportunity to comment on your draft review of DoD's search efforts. I apologize for the delay in responding but both Lt Col Brown and I were in St Louis on 1-2 June 1994 searching records at the Federal Personnel Records Center.

In concert with your comments on 25 May 94 in which you expressed the committee's desire to ensure that only accurate information is provided to the public, we offer the following clarifications and corrections to your draft report:

a. Page 2, Search Limits: The statement that the "search was not directed at the identification of organizations that set policy . . ." is not factual. The RECC requested us to provide a history of the regulations on human use experimentation and through this effort we identified those organizations that set policy. What has changed since the initial meeting of your committee has been the focus. It now appears that your committee is interested in the history of policy development in addition to the experiments themselves. As explained in our 20 May 94 meeting, we are currently searching for documentation on policy development within those headquarters that established policy.

b. Page 2, Classification: "DoD acknowledges that classified data may be significant in the case of certain headquarters documents, especially in the intentional release area." Your associate, Gregg Herken, made a judgment on the significance of these documents. We did not acknowledge this but instead agreed to review the histories he requested. We have performed this history review and have identified no information related to Green Run or any other intentional releases.

c. Page 4, The Air Force identified . . . : The last sentence says that Cambridge Research Laboratory was a recipient of data regarding the Green Run experiment. We have absolutely no knowledge of this and wonder where you obtained this information. Cambridge Research Laboratory assisted the AEC by measuring radioactivity in the lanthanum experiments in 1950. The DOE declassified reports of this study and provided them to your committee.

d. Page 5, Records Retention and Disposition Schedules: You suggest that only the Navy has provided disposition schedules for records. This implies that you asked the other services to provide this information and they did not. This is incorrect. We have not been requested to provide this information but would be pleased to do so if that is your desire.

e. Page 5, DOD stated that with . . . : The second sentence says "no-standard" when it should say "non-standard." Further, your comment about private doctors notes is unclear. What was stated at the meeting was that records clerks remove non-standard forms from medical records when they are retired.

f. Page 7, Use of Historians: The first paragraph implies that the Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC) search was limited to the computerized database from 1972 until the present. I indicated to you in our conversation that, besides the computerized search, the librarian at Armstrong Laboratory performed a manual search of all DTIC entries beginning in 1940. The fourth paragraph of this section states that only DNA examined the official histories of offices and organizations involved in experiments. This is incorrect. I advised you that the Air Force engaged the Air Force Historical Research Agency at Maxwell AFB to conduct a thorough historical review. This included a comprehensive review of the School of Aviation Medicine's unit histories. We provided a copy of this 200 page review, including the search strategy, to the Radiation Experiments Command Center. If you have not received a copy of this document we would be pleased to provide one to you.

g. Page 8, Interviews: We said to you that the AF conducted interviews with several individuals including Colonel John Pickering. The interview with Col Pickering was videotaped and I have obtained a copy for your viewing. Besides Col Pickering, both I and a representative from DOE interviewed Mrs. Ruth Sagalyn (nee Callahan) at the Geophysics Laboratory, Hanscom AFB. Mrs. Sagalyn was coauthor of the report on the atmospheric tracking studies at Los Alamos. In addition, interviews were conducted with Mr. Charles A. Dempsey and Dr. Henning E. von Glerke, both now retired but formerly employed at Wright-Patterson AFB beginning in approximately 1947. Others interviewed from this laboratory included Mr. Charles Nixon (employed since 1954) and Mr. John Frazier (employed since 1956).

h. Page 8, Interagency Coordination: As a point of clarification on the AEC license review, the 1958 limitation is probably related to the inception of licensing by the AEC in the mid-1950's.

i. Page 8, Activities: It is my understanding that the target date for completion of Phase I is 30 June not 1 June.

j. Page 13, Lessons Learned: Your quotation from the former Chief of Nuclear Medicine at the Miami Valley Hospital in Ohio is an opinion that we have been unable to substantiate. Your use of this quotation implies that most of these studies were classified and this is misleading. We have identified over 200 studies to date and only a handful were classified.

k. Page 14, Staff Questions Regarding Search Logic: Paragraph four implies that AF investigators did not obtain consent for human experimentation in the 1970's. This is incorrect. In our review of protocols we have found the sample consent document for most studies starting from the late 60's. Copies of signed consent documents from the late 60's up to the late 70's were filed in the subject's medical records, we are unable to locate these documents without the name of the subjects.

l. Page 14, Agency Historians: Again, as indicated in f. above, we have extensively engaged historians in our search for information and they have been most helpful.

We would appreciate your incorporation of this information into your report prior to providing it to the committee and the press. If I can provide additional information please contact me at (202) 767-5078.



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