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SUBJECT: Overexposure to Ionizing Radiation

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TO: The Surgeon General
Department of the Army
ATTN: MEDPS-PO
Main Navy Building
Washington, D. C.

1. Reference is made to inclosed copy of letter from MEDPS-PO, dated 10 November 1964 concerning overdosage of 1.55 Rem to M. Fritz. Also inclosed is a copy of letter from this installation, dated 10 November 1964 to the Sacramento Army Depot with an information copy to your office.

2. This amount of radiation was not received as whole body radiation but was recorded on a wrist badge worn by M. Fritz during the period 27 September 1964 to 24 October 1964. Due to a clerical error, the word "wrist" opposite this badge number was omitted from the DD Form 787 when the badges were returned to Sacramento for reading. The actual whole body gamma dose that Fritz received during that period was 760 millirems, as measured by the film badge and as reported by Sacramento, which is below the maximum allowable dose for a four week period.

3. We are reorganizing our film badge service at the present time, and anticipate no further errors of this type in the future.

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a/s

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