

MEDPS-PO

12 December 1963

SUBJECT: Overexposure to Ionizing Radiation

THRU: Commanding General
Fourth United States Army
ATTN: Surgeon
Fort Sam Houston, Texas

TO: Commanding Officer
U. S. Army Hospital
Camp Walters, Texas

1. The inclosed copy of TWX, SD 17737, dated 6 December 1963 from Sacramento Army Depot, Sacramento, California indicates that Elaine Burns of your command received a dose of ionizing radiation of 6,490 millirems during the period 27 October to 23 November 1963.

2. A dose of 6,490 millirems is considerably in excess of the permissible total body radiation for a four week period. Should such incidents recur frequently, serious impairment to the health of the individual could result.

3. Request that the cause of this overexposure be investigated and information on the results be forwarded to this office, ATTN: MEDPS-PO. If assistance is desired in studying this matter or reviewing your radiological hygiene program, the services of the U. S. Army Environmental Hygiene Agency are available upon written request to this office.

FOR THE SURGEON GENERAL:

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UNCLAS SD 17737 FOR AKPWO-HO FROM SSMSA-MMD-4

RADIATION OVERDOSE OF 6.49 REMS RECD BY ELAINE BURNS, DURING
PD "S", 27 OCT TO 23 NOV 63, FROM 30 TO 130 KV X-RAY. ALLOWABLE DOSE
THIS PD IS 1.2 REMS. PLS CFM

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