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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO
MEDCE-OH

3 March 1959

SUBJECT: Overexposure to Ionizing Radiation

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

TO: Commanding General
Fort Sill, Oklahoma
ATTN: Surgeon

1. DA Message DTG 021400Z February (copy inclosed) indicates that Sgt Ralph J. MacCutcheon of your command received a dose of ionizing radiation of 8000 millirems during the period of 15-21 February 1959.

2. A dose of 8000 millirems is considerably in excess of the 300 millirems total body radiation permissible in one week. Should such incidents recur frequently, serious impairment of the health of the individual could result.

3. Request that the cause of this overexposure be investigated and information on the results of the investigation be forwarded to this office, ATTN: MEDCE-OH. The physicists at the U. S. Army Environmental Health Laboratory are available to give assistance upon written request to this office.

FOR THE SURGEON GENERAL:

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UNCLAS LX 4821 FOR TECH SUPPLY OFFICER INFO MEDCE-OH FROM SIGDL-800

FILM NR HR1002 WORN BY SGT RALPH J MACCUTCHEON WK OF 15-21 FEB 59

INDC DOSAGE OF IPPP MILLIREMS/8.000 REMS/PD FILM INDICATES

EXPOSURE TO BETA RADIATION PD

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