

MEDPS-PO

21 February 1963

SUBJECT: Overexposure to Ionizing Radiation

TO: Commanding General
Eighth United States Army
ATTN: Chief Surgeon
APO 301, San Francisco, California

1. The inclosed copy of TWX, SD 02189, dated 19 February 1963 from Sacramento Army Depot indicates that Film Badge No. 041 issued to "Personal of General Dispensary" shows a dose of 1537 millirems from radioactive source for the period 1 January through 31 January 1963.

2. A dose of 1537 millirems is considerably in excess of the permissible total body radiation for a four week period to any individual. Should such incidents recur frequently, serious impairment to the health of an individual could result.

3. This office would appreciate receiving any information that might have been obtained in the course of investigating the circumstances responsible for the alleged overexposure to Film Badge 041.

FOR THE SURGEON GENERAL:

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UNCLAS SD 02189 FOR AKCML OFFICE OF SR CHEMICAL ADVISOR
INFO MED-OH FROM SSMSA-DM-5A

FILM BADGE NR. 041, ASSIGNED AS "PERSONAL OF GENERAL
DISPENSARY" ON FORM 787 SHOWS A DOSE OF 1.537 REMS FROM
RADIOACTIVE SOURCE, FOR PERIOD "B", 1 JAN 63 TO 31 JAN 63.
IF USED BY ONE MAN, THIS IS AN OVERDOSE. ALLOWABLE DOSE FOR THIS
PD IS 1.200 REMS. PLEASE CONFIRM

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