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June 24, 1994

Rear Admiral H. D. Wisely  
 Director  
 Radiation Experiments Command Center  
 Department of Defense  
 6801 Telegraph Road  
 Alexandria, VA 22310-3398

Dear Admiral Wisely:

At the request of President Eamon Kelly I am writing in response to your May 31st letter requesting information on government sponsored or funded human radiation experiments conducted at Tulane University/Charity Hospital since 1944.

As can be seen from the attached letters, our staff has conducted a thorough and extensive investigation in an attempt to locate records of experiments of the type defined in your letter. You will note that all grant and contract files prior to 1965 were discarded many years ago and therefore are not available for review. Our Radiation Safety Committee, which was formed in 1965, informs me that since that date there have been no human experiments involving exposure to ionizing radiation for the purpose of testing the health effects of such exposure.

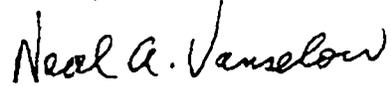
The only information we have been able to locate regarding the Burch/Ray/Threefoot experiments is that contained in reprints in the published literature and material from Department of Energy files which was sent to us by Mr. James Paul a member of the staff of the Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, U.S. House of Representatives. It is my assumption that both the reprints and the DOE material have already been made available to the various agencies mentioned in your letter. Copies of the reprints have been given to Mr. Paul.

I will be leaving my position as Chancellor of Tulane University Medical Center on July 1, 1994. If you have any questions or would like additional information please feel free to

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contact Dr. Gene D'Amour, Vice President for Institutional Program Development and Government/Agency Affairs or President Kelly. Dr. D'Amour's phone is 504-865-5758 and President Kelly's phone is 504-865-5201.

Sincerely yours,



Neal A. Vanselow, M.D.  
Chancellor

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- c- President Eamon Kelly w/enc.
- Dr. Gene D'Amour w/enc.

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June 23, 1994

Neal A. Vanselow, M.D.  
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RE: Radioactive Material Use

Dear Dr. Vanselow:

Review of existing Tulane Radioactive Material License files from 1965 to the present reveal no human radiation experiments involving exposure to ionizing radiation for the purpose of testing human health effects of such exposure. No evidence of intentional environmental release of radioactive material was found.

All human radiation studies involved:

1. Tracer studies intended to obtain information regarding human physiology, pathophysiology, or biochemistry.
2. Medical uses including use of radioactively labeled investigational drugs in clinical trials or early medical imaging attempts.

Please advise if further information is needed.

Sincerely,

*Charles F. Reindl*

Charles F. Reindl, M.S.  
Certified Health Physicist  
Radiation Safety Officer

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