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DRAFT/ for letter from Dr. Gall to

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Hon. Mike Gravel
US Senator from Alaska
Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC

Dear Senator Gravel:

I have just read in a newspaper entitled The NATIONAL ENQUIRER an article under your byline concerning radiation status at the University of Cincinnati.

I am amazed that it took so long for the information to reach you that the particular radiation study to which you refer was discontinued in October 1971.

This was done at the instigation of University authorities while a thorough and scientific investigation was made as to the possible drawbacks of this type of study. As has been voluminously reported in the press, including Washington newspapers, the University declined to apply for a similar study grant from the Defense Department in the spring of 1972 after several blue ribbon studies of the project were received and evaluated.

The federal government's own investigation of this project determined that the federal funds allocated to it were properly spent.

The University reached the decision to phase out this project, not because of any suggestion through any of the several investigations that "human guinea pigs" were being used, but because it was felt that better general procedures should be established for this type of important research in the future.

I am writing this in the interest of keeping you informed of the real facts so that such articles as appeared in the National Enquirer will not be repeated.

Sincerely,