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SUBJECT: Overexposure to Ionizing Radiation

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THRU: ~~Commanding General, Second United States Army, Fort George G.
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TO: Office of the Surgeon General, Department of the Army, Washington
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Investigation of the overexposure of film badge #27 on Gerald Seifer during the period of 22 March - 18 April 1959 reveals the following:

1. One day during the period in question Pvt. Seifer was detailed to load Napalm Bombs. The day was hot and he removed his shirt to which was attached his film badge and laid it down on a set of tongs which were holding a Cobalt source. The shirt with badge attached, was in direct contact with the source for several hours while Seifer worked about 30 feet away.

2. The overexposure of the badge was a result of carelessness and it is considered that Seifer himself received practically no radiation. This individual and all others wearing film badges have since been again cautioned against acts of carelessness such as this.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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