

MEDPS-PO

9 November 1961

SUBJECT: Overexposure to Ionizing Radiation

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TO: The Surgeon General
Headquarters, Department of the
Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Inclosed is a copy of DA Message DTG 032030Z November (copy inclosed) which indicates that Mr. William Z. McGuire of the Combined Field Maintenance Shop, Loring Air Force Base, Maine received a dose of ionizing radiation of 15,000 millirems during the period 1 - 28 October 1961.

2. It is not clear from this message whether the individual concerned is an employee of the U. S. Army or the U. S. Air Force. Should this individual be an employee of the Army we would appreciate learning anything that is known concerning the cause of this overexposure.

FOR THE SURGEON GENERAL:

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FROM SIGDL-4 C FILM NO 00700 J WORN BY WILLIAM Z. MCGUIRE PD OF 1-28
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OCT 61 INDC DOSAGEOF 15000 MILLIREMS/15.000 REMS/

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: AFCSG-11

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TO: Surgeon General (MEDPS-PO)
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference your letter, subject as above, dated 9 November 1961, Loring AFB was queried through the Surgeon's Office, SAC, on the matter of an exposure of 15 rem during the period 1-28 October 1961 to William Z. McGuire, listed in a message from the Lexington Signal Depot as being associated with the U. S. Army Combined Field Maintenance Shop, Loring AFB.
2. Information generated to date is incomplete but indicates that the exposure occurred at a NIKE site where the Army has a source of strontium 90, not specified as to quantity or use. The individual in question apparently was not regularly assigned to this activity, but rather was in this activity for a brief period of time in connection with his work as a painter. Apparently he is an enlisted man in the Army.
3. While no further information is available at this time, this office will be kept informed as further information is developed by the Surgeon's Office, SAC.
4. This information has been transmitted by phone to Lt Colonel Daniels in addition to being transmitted in this letter.

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. E. Nuernberger".

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