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The hearing scheduled for the 28th by Gov. Ops Subc. is beginning to shape up.

As we suspected, there will be additional panels.

1st panel - GAO (expected to frame the situation and provide the context)
 2nd panel - victims (actually children of people who took LSD and mescaline (sp?)).....they will tell how it took over 20 years for the Army to own up to these experiments and provide compensation. Both of the witnesses are children of parents who died because of the experiments.
 3rd panel - DoD (they want to see us be open and responsive)
 4th panel - "Talking Heads" - Intellectuals who are specialists associated with major universities who will talk about the ethics of human subject research.....a Mr. Roth and a Ms. Gamble from U of WI.

There are two important things the staff is telling us that will make this an easier hearing for DoD: (1) If we can manage to get the Large Area Coverage experiments in some declassified form so that people can know who was exposed and how much exposure they received.

(2) If we recognize the importance of doing whatever we can to help those people who may be suffering as a result of their involvement with all these experiments and tests.

Ivy, #2, which is probably mostly going to fall on Jeanne's shoulders is the one issue that the Chairman will focus on. It will be from two perspectives:

- The DoD commitment to doing whatever needs to be done to research our records to help these people (the staff brought up recent incidents like Persian Gulf Illness as an example of how the Department is unresponsive to the people who get sick as a result of their service (military or civilian)).
- Our willingness to not hide (or try to hide!) anything! They emphasized the example of how much they appreciated the Army being forthcoming to them about some helicopter problem and telling them problems with the aircraft

that the committee had not found out about, yet. Their conclusion was that the Army was on top of it, and they didn't need to be and dropped it.

My recommendation is that we be as forthcoming as possible to include any problems that we are having (except Jeanne should not do the nose thing ...she'll know what that means) even to the funding and staffing problems that result from the need to do this kind of work. It is especially important after admitting our problems that we be able to tell them how we are trying to resolve the problems we are having!

I will try to make this a little more coherent, but knowing that the first drafts for testimony are due Fri...I wanted to get it out to everyone ASAP.

Next week we will know even more from the Com. staff, even get some questions.....they may also want to sit down with representatives from the witnesses offices and discuss where we are going.....more on this to follow.

Tamara