



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
NAVAL SUBMARINE MEDICAL RESEARCH LABORATORY
NAVAL SUBMARINE BASE NEW LONDON
GROTON, CONNECTICUT 06349-5900

6150
Ser 01/-232
25 APR 1994

The Honorable John H. Chafee
United States Senator
Howard Building, Suite 221
10 Dorrance Street
Providence, RI 02103

Dear Senator Chafee:

This letter is in response to your inquiry of 14 January 1994, regarding the location of medical records and logs of Navy members receiving radium exposures.

Previously, a comprehensive and exhaustive search of this command's physical facilities and holdings were accomplished as directed by the Surgeon General of the Navy. No medical records or logs related to radium treatment were found. Upon receipt of your inquiry, further efforts were initiated to locate the purported master log of 5000 names of former U.S. Navy personnel who received radium treatment for aerotitis media. As part of this effort, we contacted the family of Captain Charles Shilling, MC, USN(Ret), who was the Officer in Charge of the Medical Research Laboratory during and immediately after World War II. Dr. Shilling is alive, though quite advanced in years. Dr. Shilling's son and daughter met with him and asked him if he had any recollection of this log or related material. Dr. Shilling was unable to remember the existence of a log or any records in association with the radium project. During the past few years, Dr. Shilling's son, who is also a physician, and daughter have reviewed Dr. Shilling's personal papers and have not found any material related to the object of the inquiry. Dr. Shilling's wife is deceased, as is his personal secretary of many years. No further leads were forthcoming.

Dr. Shilling's address is:

Charles W. Shilling, M.D.
c/o Charlotte Banas
HC 73, PO Box 856
Locust Grove, VA 22508

From our conversations with the family, it seems unlikely that Dr. Shilling can provide any further clarification.

Should new information be forthcoming on this issue, please be advised that we will keep the Surgeon General of the Navy informed.

PK Weathersby

P. K. WEATHERSBY
CAPT, MSC, USN
Commanding Officer