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From: Investigating Officer  
To: Record

Subj: SUMMARY OF TELEPHONE INTERVIEW OF DR. KEVIN LAXAR

1. Today at approximately 1500, I interviewed Dr. Kevin Laxar of NSMRL by phone to obtain information regarding the search procedures. Dr. Laxar is a senior scientist at the lab in the Vision Department. He had kept notes of meetings called during the 1994 search for records, and referred to them during the phone call.

2. Dr. Laxar stated that on 27 Jan 94, CAPT Curley, NSMRL's XO, called a meeting of the scientists who had been at the lab for some time. Dr. Laxar has been at the lab for 34 years, and recalled they were asked to come up with a list of names of retired personnel who may be able to recall if any research or procedures were done at NSMRL that may have involved human irradiation.

a. Dr. Laxar stated that most people who had been at the lab awhile recalled that radium treatments had been given at one time, but that recollection was less clear on the issue of whether any formal reports had been done on outcomes, and if there had been reports made, where the reports might be found.

b. At this meeting, the senior scientists came up with a list of who to contact, and agreed to make the phone calls to query the retirees.

c. Dr. Laxar stated CDR Curley indicated they would also be forming work parties to go through the materials in the lower decks of building 148 to look for any evidence of past human irradiation projects.

3. Dr Laxar called Dr. Weybrew, one of the retired scientists who had been at the lab a long time, and reported the results of this phone con in a memo to the XO.

4. Dr. Laxar's notes indicate the work parties met on the morning of Tues 8 Feb 94, and worked until 1300 at which time they secured because of a snow storm. The base was closed on Wednesday, and the search was resumed the next day, but Dr Laxar was TAD the rest of the week. On the 17th another work party was formed to go through the last remaining boxes of old stored materials.

5. In his 34 years at the lab, Dr. Laxar could not recall any previous command-wide searches for information such as this one.

a. He did recall that a few years earlier, an attempt was made to identify the contents of boxes stored in the lower decks of building 148.

b. These boxes accumulated when people would leave or projects would end. Any materials left behind would be boxed up and taken to the basement of building 148.

c. Dr. Laxar stated they were tasked to identify the contents of the boxes, number them and create a list of what the basic content was by subject. He did not recall seeing any materials related to aerotitis media during this process.

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