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TO: Colonel Bailey

FROM: Dan Guttmay

DATE: 10/31/94

RE: DNA Status Update

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MESSAGE:



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BY FAX

**TO: Ms. Pierre
Colonel Bailey**

FROM: Dan Guttman

DATE: October 31, 1994

RE: Document Request for DNA Materials

ACHRE REQUEST 103194-F

Attached please find a document request to DOD regarding an update on the search for DNA materials. Staff asks that you provide a response by November 30, 1994.

The ACHRE staff has implemented a database to be used in tracking the status of agency requests. Each request is assigned a unique number so that the request may be tracked, monitored and managed. We would be appreciative if you refer to the ACHRE document request number in any response you make to this request, including all correspondence and documents that you provide to the Committee. This number for this request is provided above in boldface and on the attached document request.

It you have any questions or concerns please contact Deborah Holland at (202) 254-9850 or me at (202) 254-9799. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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ACHRE Request 103194-F, DNA Status and Additional Items

We appreciate the materials being provided by DNA, particularly the continued declassification of DNA histories. We note the following questions:

1. Database. As discussed with DNA, we understand that the summer search effort has resulted in a database which will permit such further focused search as is now appropriate. Per our discussion with you and Major Rooney today, we understand that you will provide a disk to us.
2. NTPR documents. We understand per our discussion today that some of the items that cannot now be located were referenced in other documents (and not necessarily available to the compilers of the NTPR bibliography). However, to the extent that copies were possessed at the time the NTPR "Blue Books" were prepared, we would like to know why they are no longer available.
3. Possible New Mexico record collection. We enclose a letter from the DOE, which indicates that some DNA records may be warehoused in New Mexico (Attachment 1). It had been our understanding that all DNA records were warehoused (archived, etc.) in the Washington, D.C. area. What is the nature of the DNA collections, if any, referred to in the attached material? Has this collection been reviewed by DNA in the present search?
4. Marine Sergeant Torres. In a prior memo we noted the testimony, given before the Committee in San Francisco, of a former marine sergeant (Mr. Israel Torres). We enclose a copy of Mr. Torres' testimony (Attachment 2), and materials from the 1982 book, Countdown Zero, by Kelly and Saffer (Attachment 3). We would appreciate any documents or other information which relate to a) the hospital(s) at which Mr. Torres was treated, and the data collected from him; b) the possibility that data was gathered on prisoners who were involved or used in any bomb test related activities; c) the possibility that members of Mr. Torres' platoon were lost or injured or killed in connection with the test. In this regard, we would like to know whether the search conducted by the Marines in response to the January, 1984 DOD-wide directive would have specifically looked for material related to Mr. Torres and these matters.
5. Classified materials. Per our discussion of this date, that 1) about 80 documents which require multiple reviews are still undergoing declassification; 2) to the extent relevant classified materials remain, DNA documents are available at the RECC, and can be reviewed there.
6. Possible secret files on soldier exposures. As stated in a prior memo (Attachment 4), we appreciate DNA's provision of 1952 materials indicating that some or all of the services kept secret files, in response to liability related concerns and would like assistance in answering questions raised by the document. To the extent that there is any difficulty in finding the answers to the questions posed in the prior memo, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss the best way to find them.

Deadline: 11/30/94



Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

October 28, 1994

Mr. Daniel Guttman
Executive Director
Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Experiments
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Dear Mr. Guttman:

I understand that you are interested in locating the records of the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project, the predecessor to the Defense Nuclear Agency.

I came across the enclosed which describes the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project and other Defense Nuclear Agency records which were stored at Kirtland Air Force Base in 1992. I thought that you might find it helpful.

If you have any questions about it, we will be happy to answer them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ellyn R. Weiss".

Ellyn R. Weiss
Special Counsel and Director
Office of Human Radiation Experiments

Enclosure

Guide to Archival Collections Re Fallout, pp. 32-34

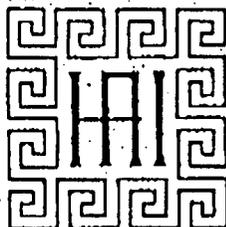
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A GUIDE TO ARCHIVAL COLLECTIONS RELATING TO
RADIOACTIVE FALLOUT FROM NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTING

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U.S. AIR FORCE
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Several locations at Kirtland Air Force Base hold records pertaining to nuclear test fallout. Both the Weapons Laboratory and the Defense Nuclear Agency maintain facilities at the base.

The Weapons Laboratory Technical Library on the base contains approximately 320,000 documents, ranging from unclassified to Secret/Restricted Data, on various special weapons matters. At least 120 feet of this collection concern Air Force participation in nuclear testing, including atomic cloud sampling, from 1946 to the present. Also in the Library are records maintained by the Air Force History Office at Kirtland. These records consist of 180 linear feet, of which approximately one-half are classified. There is a large unclassified collection of clippings and scrapbooks relating to Air Force activities in the weapons testing program. This collection provides materials on histories of Air Force units which conducted cloud sampling and other activities related to atmospheric testing. The material covers the period 1945 through 1963. The collection includes a large number of photographs and operation orders and plans. Of this archive collection, 11.6 cubic feet of classified and unclassified materials have been copied for the CIC.

Housed in the History Office itself are 40 cubic feet of materials relating almost entirely to readiness to test in the post-test ban period. These documents are considered irrelevant to the project because of their subject matter.

Instead of turning over thousands of documents to the archives, offices of the Defense Nuclear Agency (DNA), also based at Kirtland, retain custody of papers relating to fallout: the Test Directorate, responsible for the Nevada Test Site and other test sites, has several hundred feet of unclassified to Secret records dating from 1946 to the present. Most of these documents were transferred to the control of the New Mexico Test, Science, and Technology Directorate of DNA in October 1988. The Logistics Directorate Branch holds unclassified civilian personnel radiation exposure records from 1950 to the present for about 40,000 civilians. The facilities holding these records at Kirtland are not open to the general public.

The collection at DNA Field Command consists of unit histories and records relating to the stockpiling of nuclear weapons. The search included 25 cubic feet of records of which 0.4 cubic feet were copied for the CIC. These included early histories of Sandia Base.

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<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>TOTAL SIZE (FEET)</u>	<u>POTENTIALLY RELEVANT (FEET)</u>	<u>HIGHEST CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
Weapons Laboratory Technical Library	220+	220	Secret/RD	Useful
Test Directorate Event Files (FCTXE), Commander, Field Command, Defense Nuclear Agency, Kirtland AFB	175+	Unknown	Secret/RD	Useful
Logistics Directorate, Radiation Records Branch, Defense Nuclear Agency, Kirtland AFB	100	20	Unclassified	Peripheral
DNA Field Command	211	25	Secret/RD	Essential

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<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>SCREENED</u>	<u>SELECTED</u>	<u>IN PROCESS</u>	<u>SENT TO CIC</u>
Kirtland AFB Collections	245	12	0	12