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MEMORANDUM TO: Members of Advisory Committee for Biology and Medicine
Dr. Charles L. Dunham
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FROM: Dr. John C. Bugher *JCS*

Attached is the draft paragraph suggested for possible inclusion in the Chairman's letter to the Commission. Your comments will be appreciated. I would suggest that they be sent directly to Dr. Cantril.

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In a discussion initiated by Dr. Bugher, the Committee considered the growing need for highly trained specialists in the medical and public health field who have in addition a broad knowledge of the scientific, engineering, social, and legal aspects of insuring public health and safety in a highly complex and constantly evolving atomic energy program where the chief emphasis is upon nuclear power. Individuals of this type require an unusual preparation which cuts across almost all of the traditional divisions of a university and implies a functional educational flexibility that is not now sufficiently present in our institutions. There is implied an educational program which would enable the intellectual resources of a university to be brought into a harmonious relationship in the postgraduate education of otherwise well prepared health personnel. These are the people who ultimately should be the leaders in the state and national programs, assisting and guiding in new advances when the latter are still in the conceptual stage. While the Commission has a deep interest in this educational aspect and can greatly encourage its development, the primary responsibility must rest upon the educational institutions themselves. We venture to suggest the appropriateness of calling this responsibility to the attention of those charged with formulating university policies.