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TO THE  
MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR BIOLOGY AND MEDICINE  
AND THE  
STAFF OF THE DIVISION OF BIOLOGY AND MEDICINE

I would like to give you the following information concerning our program which we will present to you on Friday, March 3, in the Seminar Room of the Health Research Laboratory. We hope we can have you all on board by 8:45 as the morning meeting will be of particular interest. All of the morning session will be devoted to Project Rover, which as you know is concerned with nuclear propulsion for rockets. Dr. Payne S. Harris will be the moderator of this session. Dr. Roderick Spence, Leader of N-Division, will speak on "The Rover Program - Why?", and Dr. Vernon Zeigler of N-Division will speak about "The Rover Program - How?". Dr. L. P. D. King, Director of the Rover Flight Safety Program, will outline the broad objectives of his program, and Dr. Harris will then describe in somewhat more detail our own participation in this program.

The afternoon session with Dr. Wright Langham as moderator, will present for you an outline of our Biomedical Research Program, which is beginning to assume quite a new look. Some of the individual programs in radiobiology and clinical medicine will be familiar to most of you, but our entrance into the fields of mammalian population genetics, cellular radiobiology, and molecular biology will be new. The speakers will be Dr. John F. Spalding, Dr. Chester R. Richmond, Dr. Irene U. Boone, Dr. Donald F. Petersen, and Dr. Ernest C. Anderson. Ernie Anderson will present what we hopefully feel are our final conclusions from the 5-year study on

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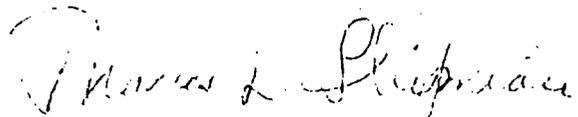
The levels of Cesium-137 in milk and in people. Dr. Clarence C. Lushbaugh will speak on "Applications of Whole Body Counting to Clinical and Diagnostic Medicine". At the conclusion of this session there will be ample time for questions from the Committee, and we hope that we can also get the Committee's opinion and advice as to the wisdom and propriety of our program.

I assume that Dr. Dunham will prepare your program and agenda for Saturday the 10th. You will meet again in the Seminar Room of the Health Research Laboratory for your regular business session. It is obvious that the Friday Program is rather full and offers little or no opportunity for sightseeing. If there are any members of our staff that any of you would like to talk to or any of our facilities which you would like to visit, we will be more than happy to work this out on an individual basis in any way that will be convenient.

If you have not done so, please let us have your travel plans as early as possible so that we can make the necessary reservations on Carco or for government taxis. During the coffee break on Friday morning we will take care of reconfirming any of your flight reservations that have not been attended to at that time.

Very sincerely yours,

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