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Dr. C. L. Dunham, Director
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Dear Chuck:

It was good of you to give us so much of your time Saturday afternoon. Gould Andrews and I found our discussion most helpful and reassuring. We were glad to hear that our program review was well received by the ACBM.

As I promised then, I am sending you the revised minute of the Board consideration of the Ross report. It certainly more accurately reflects the point of view and attitude of the Board than did the first version of the minutes I prepared. I have sent it to all the members of the Ross Committee. This is the version which now appears in the approved Board minutes.

It would be helpful if you could write Paul Gross (or, if you prefer, me with a copy to him) to clarify the paragraph at the top of page 2 of your letter to me of July 7, 1966. As I told you, the whole Board was quite concerned about some of the implications of this, and were anxious to have any misunderstanding cleared up in the written record before you left the Commission.

On the basis of our discussion, my interpretation of your meaning is that you wanted to emphasize to the Board the importance of long-range planning and of a continuing viable program devoted to problems of current significance and importance in order to ensure continuing Federal support. This is certainly an important point and one which should weigh heavily with all Commission contractors responsible for the operation of DBM programs and national laboratories as a whole. An admonition along this line, even one strongly expressed, is, I feel sure, entirely acceptable to the Board.

What is of concern to the Board is the possibility of interpreting your letter as an expression of Commission policy to seriously consider phasing out the ORAU Medical Division during the next five years after nearly twenty years of operation by ORAU. The implication that such a policy might exist would have a drastic effect on our key staff members and to recruit new staff. Also

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the Board felt there was an implication that it had been irresponsible in its management of our medical program which it thought was quite unmerited. They feel, on the contrary, that the Board has taken the initiative and showed a concern for this program which goes considerably beyond that exercised by the governing boards of other DBM contractors.

If you could clarify your intent with respect to these concerns, it will be most helpful to me in setting the matter straight with our Board of Directors.

Sincerely yours,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY WILLIAM G. POLLARD

William G. Pollard
Executive Director

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