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Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg  
Chairman  
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20545

Dear Dr. Seaborg:

The Advisory Committee for Biology and Medicine held its 122nd meeting at the AEC H Street Office on January 12-13, 1968. All members were present except Dr. McGee. The meeting dealt with the following:

Laboratory of Nuclear Medicine and Radiation Biology, UCLA. The ACBM discussed with Dr. Spofford English the recent developments connected with the extension of the UCLA research contract. Owing to the complexity of the problem and the uncertainty about the proper course of action at this time, I appointed a subcommittee, at the request of Dr. John Totter, consisting of Drs. P. P. Cohen (Chairman), R. D. Moseley, and myself to study and report on this question. The subcommittee and Dr. Totter met with Mr. England and Mr. Radcliffe, of the staff of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, on Saturday, and plans to visit UCLA on January 22-23.

Radium Dial Workers. The ACBM recommended to the Director that he arrange for a special National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council committee of radiologists, epidemiologists, and others to submit recommendations on the desirable future scope of long-term studies of the population of radium dial workers and others who may have a radium body burden.

Lawrence Award. The ACBM reviewed the letters of nomination for the Lawrence Award in the Life Sciences and is transmitting its recommendations in a letter from Dr. Cohen to Dr. L. R. Hafstad.

Role of DBM and ACBM. This meeting was deliberately planned to deal with as few specific issues as possible in order to give the ACBM an opportunity to discuss the possible future roles of DBM in developing basic information of use in biology, medicine, and agriculture and the role of ACBM in helping DBM and AEC to reach their goals. This discussion did not lead to specific recommendations, nor was it expected to, at this time. It will, we hope, set in motion a series of studies by the staff

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followed by oral reports and recommendations to the ACBM for future consideration. In essence, the ACBM is asking not what has been accomplished in 20 years, but what is desirable to try to accomplish in the next 10 or 20 years. We believe that the recent change in the directorship of DBM makes such discussions especially timely.

Next Meeting. The next ACBM meeting will be held on March 8-9, 1968, at Michigan State University or Western Reserve University.

Sincerely yours,



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