

August 28, 1953

Dr. Joseph T. Wearn  
 Dean, School of Medicine  
 Western Reserve University  
 Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Wearn:

Your thoughtful report of the recent deliberations of the Advisory Committee for Biology and Medicine, transmitted under date of July 20, 1953, is receiving continued attention by us. Particularly has the matter of overhead reimbursement on grant-like contracts which you mention been concerning us for a number of months. We hope to arrive at a sound and workable general policy on this matter within the next few weeks. Your recommendations will be of great value to us in solving this perplexing problem of university relationships.

We note with approval the assistance the Advisory Committee for Biology and Medicine has given to the joint consideration by the Canadian and American atomic energy groups of pertinent matters bearing upon civil defense which fall within Area 2 of the Technical Cooperation Program. We trust that this interchange, which is so essential to the continued sound development of civil defense planning and operations in the two countries, will continue with growing vigor.

It is especially helpful to learn firsthand of the Canadian viewpoint relative to civil defense problems and the matters related to the general issue of the protection of our industries and urban populations in case of attack. Enough technical information now exists to meet most, if not all, of the essential requirements for practical civil defense planning.

On behalf of all of the Commissioners I wish to express to you our great appreciation of the service you have rendered in the development of the atomic energy program in the medical and biological fields. Those of us who serve on the Commission are keenly aware of the demands upon one's time and the burden on one's sense of responsibility which these advisory functions entail. You have given unstintingly of your time and energy to this program, and the vigorous character and great future prospects which lie in this field testify to the contributions you have made. I know that to you the assurance of having substantially advanced the national welfare is the only significant reward. We all appreciate the benefits we will continue to enjoy from the programs that you have been so influential in establishing and encouraging.

REPOSITORY 326 US Atomic ENERGY Commission Sincerely yours,  
 COLLECTION Div of Biology Medicine  
 BOX No. 1 Lewis L. Strauss  
 FOLDER 8 Chairman

1073212

DOE ARCHIVES