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Dear Dr. Cantrell:

By way of a continuation of my letter of December 9, the Atomic Energy Commission is, of course, very pleased to know that the research at the Arizona Cancer Research Hospital is going forward on a high level of competence, and is serving to engender a productive climate of investigation in the uses of isotopes and the tools of atomic energy in problems concerned with cancer and radiation injury. I have been advised by *my members of the Commission* staff that they too have been concerned about the lag in completion of the linear accelerator, and they have taken appropriate measures, both indirectly through our field offices and in direct conversations with Dean Coggeshall, to see that the machine is operating and treating patients as soon as possible.

I was particularly pleased with the present interest of the Committee in the problems associated with reactor safety, and I am sure that the Atomic Energy Commission staff will be happy to provide any information you may feel is relevant, so that you can get a better feel for the problem and give us the benefit of your guidance.

As to the Windscale accident, one team consisting primarily of reactor engineers and a representative of our Division of Inspection has already been to England. Dr. Beard, Health Protection Branch, Division of Biology and Medicine, Dr. John Earley, Health and Safety Laboratory, New York Operations Office, Dr. K. E. Morgan of Oak Ridge, and others will soon be going to look into the off-site health problem both from the standpoint of definition of the problem and the way in which it was handled as an emergency situation. The first team reported total frankness and complete willingness on the part of the British to give relevant information, so I am sure that our two countries will profit greatly in understanding of these problems as a result of the unfortunate accident.

As to the matter of Dr. Danning's discussion with the Committee concerning the activities of the Nuclear Safety Working Group for transportation and storage of nuclear weapons, you will be interested to know that already Dr. Danning and a representative of the Division of Military Application met with U. S. Public Health Service officials and briefed them on the problem so that one can look forward to early educational efforts in appropriate areas as to the nature of the hazard inherent in such activities.

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I, of course, have a deep personal interest in Dr. Eughar's thoughts on how better to train people with a broad understanding of the radiation problems within our university medical schools, public health schools and law schools. You may be assured that I personally and others in the AEC will not lose any opportunity to call to the attention of those charged with formulating university policy, as well as governmental and philanthropic agencies, the need for providing assistance to the universities in their undertaking of this educational responsibility.

Sincerely yours,

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