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Dear :

During the interim since we wrote you our Chicago Operations Office has gone back through its files and found the medical records, including pre-employment and termination physical examinations, of your husband,

When he terminated employment on March 10, 1945, he appears to have been in the same physical condition as at the time of beginning employment. There is no evidence of a work-connected disability and no basis for assuming that his present condition is associated with his employment at the University of Chicago Laboratories of the Manhattan Engineering District for approximately one year.

So far as we are aware, there is no provision on the part of the Government for compensation or special medical assistance to former employees unless there was a proven accident to the employee that resulted from negligence on the part of the Government. There is no record of this nor apparently any claim on the part of . . . Also, the history which you recount provides nothing which would help us to identify the source of his disability except the fact that he is almost 72 years of age.

We sincerely regret our inability to suggest a solution to what we know to be a very real problem.

Sincerely,

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John R. Totter
Director
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bcc: Mr. Sides, OGC

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Mr. John R. Letter
Director
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Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter of May 11, 1971, I am sorry to be a little late in answering but my husband has been quite sick, and I had to find some of this information which you asked for.

He was employed by the U. S. Manhattan District Corps of Engineers War Dept. in the Bomb Building at Chicago University in the year of 1943 - 44. His supervisors were commanding officer. His work was to reclaim uranium, to make it split into its atoms. I believe the employer was the Manhattan District of the U. S. Research Dept. #083589 05727

When my husband just resigned the position he was under the care of a Physician in Jackson's Heights Long Island N.Y. I am sorry not to remember his name, but he has since been under a Physician here Dr. Lawrence C. Parish, and Dr. Lorenzo Walker. He has been hospitalized at the Univ. of Penna, here in Philadelphia. He is not a veteran and he has never been awarded any Occupational Compensation for any medical purposes.

He was born in Bone Bluff Arkansas

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would have liked this discussion to point to new research areas. In a limited budget era this was almost guaranteed to involve discussions of "priorities" in research effort and therefore funding. If such a discussion could have been held in a very candid fashion it probably would have been most useful to all concerned. Several discussants presented the pros and cons for this being a necessary or proper function of the attending group. The cons were quite vociferous against going on record in setting priorities, and they finally won the argument. Such discussion might well be the subject for another meeting.

Summary

The overall accomplishments of the meeting are difficult to evaluate. The size, number of participants, and allotted time for speakers frustrated to some extent the "in depth" discussions which could have resulted from a smaller meeting. The spirit of the meeting which indicated much more needed research gave little or no indication of what anyone would give up to develop new approaches to help extrapolate from animal experiments to man. There seemed to be some consensus that large-scale animal experiments should be aimed at discovery of mechanisms rather than providing numbers, frequencies, etc. There are mathematical and biophysical models to be tested and these require excellent experimental planning before the fact. There are cell systems (in-vitro) ready for exploitation in mutation and cancer research which may profitably replace in-vivo experiments. Some cell systems such as human cells cultured in-vitro which could be valuable in extrapolation from mouse to man.

There were feelings expressed that the group convened for this workshop could be profitably reconvened periodically. I judge this will be done in conjunction with the Late-Effects Group at the annual meeting of the Radiation Research Society. The number of disciplines represented and who contributed to the meeting went far beyond that usually considered for previous meetings of the Late Effects Group.

I feel that perhaps something new has been started here which may be within the purpose of the Radiation Research Society.

The list of participants and available position papers are on file in DBM and the proceedings of the meeting will be published sometime in January 1971 as an Argonne National Laboratory Report.

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