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Dear Dr. Liverman:

Enclosed is a draft of comments on Gofman's two papers on inhaled plutonium. Before these comments are transmitted beyond DBER I'd like an opportunity to revise them following a review by our local staff and completion of comments being prepared by two of our mathematicians working on catastrophe theory. I am hopeful these two gentlemen can come up with a more convincing and sophisticated approach to discrediting Gofman's arguments.

Included with my comments is a risk estimate based on our dog data. If this passes critical examination I may include it in my paper at the IAEA meeting on Transuranics at San Francisco.

I am sending a copy of this to Roger McClellan, Chet Richmond, Doug Grahn and Jack Healy.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

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