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REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF EXHUMATION PROGRAM

This is to notify you that the Commission has referred to Argonne National Laboratory the question of continuing the program of exhumation of the bodies of patients injected with plutonium. Conversations have taken place between Drs. Sinclair and Fry of ANL and Dr. Marks of my staff to clarify the need for the consideration of ethical aspects of the program by the ANL Review Committee for Research Projects Involving Human Subjects. Certain materials relevant to this matter have been made available to Dr. Fry. These include (a) a report of an ad hoc committee convened at Headquarters on May 22 to consider the scientific merit of the exhumation program, (b) additional correspondence by members of the committee regarding the matter and (c) AEC staff working papers regarding the status of permission for exhumation.

Dr. Sinclair has indicated that he will inform us of the findings of the ANL Review Committee for Research Projects Involving Human Subjects before proceeding further.

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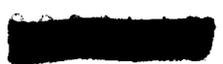
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