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Chairman Ray
Commissioner Larson
Commissioner Doub
Commissioner Kriegsman
Commissioner Anders

THRU: General Manager

EXHUMATION PROGRAM

In your deliberations for Friday's meeting of whether or not to approve continuation of this program, I want to provide the following additional information which my staff has just put together on the current status of the eighteen original injectees:

- 4 living (who would be followed)
- 3 missing (probably lost)
- 1 Australia (dead, we believe--impractical to retrieve)
- 1 cremated (limited value)
- 1 cremated and ashes scattered (no value)
- 1 no next of kin identified (a court order needed)
- 1 family identified--not approached (possible)
- 5 families identified--partial refusals on all (possible overtime)
- 1 exhumed

The above information suggests that the exhumation program will not be a highly successful one. In spite of this, the Committee who was told this information still recommends proceeding with the study.

I recommend that the Commission act to pose no objection to the program but only on the condition that Argonne's Human Studies Committee thoroughly review the scientific, moral, ethical and legal aspects of proceeding with the study, and on the condition that they approve explicit guidelines for continuation of the study. I have enclosed a proposed letter to Argonne in the event the Commission takes this latter action.

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REPOSITORY: OFFICE OF HUMAN RADIATION
EXPERIMENTS (OHRE)

COLLECTION: PLUTONIUM INJECTION INVESTIGATION
FILES (OHRE 1)

BOX: 2

FOLDER: PLUTONIUM INJECTIONS - ROCHESTER -
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Another point which the Commission should consider is that the route I am recommending would make sure that the institutional frameworks for making such value judgments are fully utilized. Perhaps it is worth considering whether to act in a different manner than proposed would diminish the effectiveness of mechanisms (the Human Studies Committees) widely utilized by the medical community and society for making such determinations.

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Enclosure:
Proposed letter to
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