


Interview with Dr. J. Garrett Allen by Dr. Marks and Mr. Miazga on 4/19/74 at 9:00 am. The interview was held in Dr. Allen's office at Stanford University. Dr. Allen is a Professor of Surgery and was formerly Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Stanford University. He was a physician on the Metallurgical Laboratory staff at the time of the injections.

When we started our interview with Dr. Allen, he did not seem to know the purpose of our visit. Although I had discussed it briefly with him on the phone the previous day, he seemed to think that our visit was concerned with Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission activities rather than plutonium injections. It took about 5 or 10 minutes of discussion for us to acquaint him with the fact that plutonium was injected into patients in Chicago in 1945. At no time in the interview did he indicate any knowledge of the injection of plutonium into human subjects.

Our reason for interviewing Dr. Allen was that Dr. Leon Jacobson had previously mentioned Dr. Allen as a person who might either have made the injections or had knowledge of the injections. Dr. Jacobson had stated that he and Allen were the only clinicians who were cleared to conduct this type of activity at the time. Dr. Allen confirmed Dr. Jacobson's contention that Allen and Jacobson were the only members of the Laboratory with concurrent appointments in both Billings Hospital and the Metallurgical Laboratory. He reported to Dr. Jacobson who in turn reported to Dr. Robert Stone. When we mentioned Dr. Nickson's name, Dr. Allen recalled some encounters with Dr. Nickson but could provide no information that might relate Dr. Nickson or anyone else to a plutonium injection program.

Dr. Allen said that he joined the staff of the Metallurgical Laboratory at the University of Chicago on July 23, 1944. He stated that he did have a Q clearance and remained with the Metallurgical Laboratory until July 1, 1946. His principal activity consisted of conducting experiments involving blood



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studies (his principal field of interest) in hundreds of dogs. He said that he also performed Metallurgical Laboratory employee examinations during two half-days a week.

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