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MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE RE: CLAIMS
OF RADIATION EXPOSURE, URANIUM POISONING,
ETC., BY EMPLOYEES AND FORMER EMPLOYEES
OF ORO CONTRACTORS 1946-1957

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Oak Ridge, Tennessee
April 15, 1949

Mr. Nelson M. Lynde

Dear Mr. Lynde:

Reference is made to your letter of April 2, concerning your illness.

I seriously doubt if your illness is related to contamination from radioactive materials. In the various plants operated for the Atomic Energy Commission, there have been instances where radioactive material has accidentally spilled on an employee. No condition similar to the one you describe has ever developed nor are the symptoms you describe found in cases of radiation sickness.

As you know, diathermy is in no way similar to radioactivity. Diathermy is the use of radio waves for the production of heat inside the body, while radioactive radiations are capable of producing ionization in body tissues.

I do not believe that your experience at Dalhart had any relation to your illness. As far as I have been able to determine, similar occurrences have not been reported from the region around and about Dalhart. If you are eligible for hospitalization in the Veterans Administration facilities and feel your condition warrants hospitalization, I would like to suggest that you do so in order to obtain further medical study and treatment.

Sincerely yours,

Harry Stoeckle, M.D.
Chief
Biology and Medicine Division

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cc: Clyde Wilson, Chief, Insurance Branch

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