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INQUIRY REGARDING THE STUDY OF PLUTONIUM IN MAN INITIATED DURING
WORLD WAR II - 1945-1947

This memorandum authorizes a program of collection of information regarding the hospital patients injected with plutonium in 1945-47 to be conducted by the Division of Biomedical and Environmental Research in conjunction with the Division of Inspection. The patients were injected in hospitals in Chicago, Oak Ridge, Rochester, and San Francisco. Initial follow-up studies of varying length were conducted on all patients in the original hospitals; studies were conducted on a few patients about five years later; additional studies were instituted on three of four surviving patients and on the remains of an exhumed patient during 1973.

The purpose of the inquiry is to resolve the question of whether disclosure was made to or informed consent obtained from the patients. The primary thrust of the inquiry is directed to the recent studies conducted at Argonne National Laboratory and the Strong Memorial Hospital of the University of Rochester. However, information regarding disclosure or informed consent at the time of the injections will also be sought when possible.

The inquiry will take the following form:

A. Document search.

Documentation regarding all aspects of the study will be sought from all available sources.

B. Interviews

Interviews will be conducted by teams of two persons, one from DBER and one from the Division of Inspection. The following guidelines shall apply in conducting interviews:

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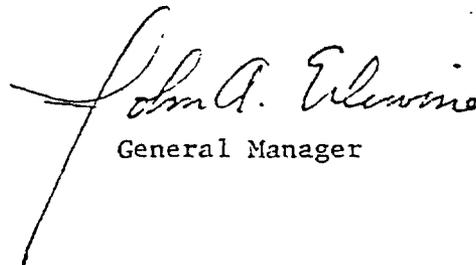
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1. The DBER representative will be the lead interviewer.
 2. Interviewing will be directed primarily to the issue of disclosure to patients or informed consent. Since disclosure may have been provided by persons involved in the injections, usually attending physicians, it may be necessary to seek identification of such persons during interviews.
 3. General background information will be acquired when possible during conversations with persons interviewed but such background information is not the primary purpose of the interviews.
 4. Reports of interviews will be based on handwritten notes of the interviewers.
- C. The interviews should be completed by April 26, 1974, and a summary review of the data obtained to date will be discussed with the Commission.


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