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TO : Lawrence P. Gise
Albuquerque Operations Office

DATE: January 28, 1965

FROM : Donald L. Anderson, Major, USAF, VC, Biology Branch
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Donald L. Anderson

SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISITS TO AEC LABORATORIES BY HUMANE ORGANIZATIONS

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Attached is a copy of a letter sent to the various laboratory directors,
subject above, for your information.

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UNITED STATES
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20545
December 23, 1964

IN REPLY REFER TO:

BMB:DLA

Dr. H. A. Blair
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Dear Dr. Blair:

It has been brought to the attention of Headquarters that one of our National Laboratories has received a request from the Animal Welfare Institute, Ann Arbor, Michigan Chapter, to allow certain of their personnel to visit its animal facilities and laboratory areas engaged in mammalian research. You will recall that such an eventuality was forecast by Dr. H. D. Bruner at the February 1964 meeting of program directors at Oak Ridge, but this is to our knowledge the first recent request to be received from one of the various humane or antivivisectionist groups. It is expected that there will be other attempts made on the part of the above named or similar organizations to gain access to animal quarters and laboratories.

The activities and purposes of many of the humane organizations and private individuals are sincere, laudable and in accord with the thinking and desires of investigators everywhere, i.e., the avoidance of needless pain or suffering on the part of the experimental animals, the provision of adequate housing, the practice of good husbandry and care, etc. However, the goal of certain groups and individuals is to have enacted legislation, at both the local and national level, the consequences of which would be to greatly hamper or abolish the effective utilization of animals in biological and medical research. The entire scientific community must remain cognizant of this threat to freedom in research.

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Dr. H. A. Blair

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While the disposition of requests of the above nature are the province of the laboratory directors so contacted, this office will appreciate being promptly notified of the name(s) of the requesting agency or individual, the date and purpose of the visit, and other pertinent information. Additionally an information copy should be sent to your respective Operations Office.

Sincerely yours,



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