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COLLECTION Prisoner Study

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HUMAN SUBJECT RESEARCH

FOLDER Plutonium Studies on Prisoners

Ref: H. M. Parker's Memo of 11/17/67 on Human Subjects  
Committee Meeting

- ✓ 1. Please draft a letter to Dr. Crook for my signature communicating our approval of the plans for Extension of the Promethium-143 Study to Cover DTPA Injections.
- ✓ 2. Please notify H. E. Palmer regarding Item 2 in the Committee Chairman's report.
- 3a. I am sending Julian Nielsen the attached note regarding the report of Walt Wilson's group on the Walla Walla project.
- 3b. Please assume immediate responsibility for BNW's next phase of involvement with Dr. Paulsen's study. Subject to Paul Santilli's findings, pursue the direction suggested by the committee. Also communicate our intent promptly to Dr. Paulsen, by telephone, or if appropriate by drafting a letter(s) for my signature.

I concur with the general recommendations: (1) That we work towards separation of BNW from the project, and (2) that in the interests of good relations with Dr. Paulsen, the U. of W. and AEC-DBM we seek acceptable interim actions for BNW which will assist him in continuing his research.

I believe our failure to separate from the project sooner, and our prolonged participation in the work to date, in effect constitute an implied commitment to Dr. Paulsen that we will see him through. I do not want BNW to break that commitment, albeit implied, without good reason. Good reasons, in my opinion, are:

- (1) Technical findings which make continuation inadvisable.
- (2) Administrative findings which clearly indicate that Battelle or its staff members are being subjected to

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undue risk of financial liability or risk of damage to reputation.

- (3) Refusal or reluctance of our staff members to participate.

As yet, I am not persuaded that we should not continue as I am requesting you to do in this memo.

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