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HUMAN SUBJECT RESEARCH

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

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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

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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Mr. Parker, Chairman of the Human Subjects Committee, has advised me as follows:

"On the whole, the committee felt that it should not be in the position of approving this document, as such. It is a technical discussion of some aspects of the calibration of the University of Washington's fast neutron medical research facility, as set up for irradiation of human testes. In the opinion of the Committee, every item in this report could be technically correct and yet the actual exposure of human volunteers could be completely botched. It would appear, for example, to be quite foolhardy to conduct these experiments without making various measurements of the dose actually received by the volunteers. In discussing this point with the sponsors of the report, it was clear that these steps were intended. They are, however, not included in the document. For this reason, the Committee takes the position that it notes the existence of the document, BNWL-589, but neither approves nor disapproves its publication.

Please give consideration to these comments and decide if an addition should be made to the report which describes the recommended or presumed actual dose measurements. In any case, the report should make it clear that the correctness of the reported work does in no way ensure the correctness of any subsequent work.

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