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to WJB

I will leave the distribution of this note to your judgment but it expresses my attitude toward a "high handed action" (Best return DDM^S RFP)

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"Human Subjects Committee"
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TO W. J. Bair

FROM M. F. Sullivan *mfS*

SUBJECT The Response of the "Human Subjects Committee" to Brooks
 Air Force Base Concerning Laser Radiation Skin Effects

In the letter of 12/10/69 to Mr. Guttman of Brooks Air Force Base, the Human Subjects Committee may have expressed an official policy which they determined for Battelle; but they demonstrated too little concern for the business image of this organization and none at all for the efforts or feelings of the personnel who were attempting to develop a contract with the Air Force.

The RFP F41609-70-R-0016 indicated that because of previous human skin studies, it was apparent that further evaluation of the effects of lasers on human skin was desirable. After contacting people at Brooks, Frank Hungate encouraged Dennis Mahlum to submit a proposal which would allow him to determine laser effects on pig skin. The physicians from HEHF were also to propose follow-up research for studies on humans and be responsible for the conduct of that research.

Instead of acknowledging the medical competence of HEHF, the Human Subjects Committee has indicated to the Air Force that they will not even receive a suggested research protocol for the research asked for in the RFP until after we spend their money on animal research. It seems quite unlikely that we will be called upon to do so.

An even further aggravation is the fact that the judgements of that Committee should be passed on to the sponsor with no attempt to inform those trying to establish a contract for BNW with the Air Force (D. D. Mahlum or F. P. Hungate) that their efforts were in vain. If we are to encourage investigators to extend themselves for our economic betterment, we should not embarrass them in this manner.

May I further suggest that the description of the Human Subjects Committee include the names of the people who represent the medical profession and the Biology, Personnel and Legal Departments which might lend credence to their judgements. Since their decisions are made by "substantial concurrence," it could mean that in decisions for which they exclusively exist, human studies, the lone medic on the Committee could easily be out-voted.

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