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Dear Dr. Marks:

It was good to see you again and to have some time to discuss our autopsy program with you. I trust that you made it east all right in spite of the nasty weather we were having.

You asked that I take another look at our last report on autopsy cases and advise you if we felt differently about those classed as plutonium workers. I did that and conclude that there were probably 46 rather than 71 which were plutonium workers. Further study may revise that number further downward. The number contains operations, maintenance men and supervisors whom we believe had a significant opportunity for plutonium exposure. We removed from the list patrolmen and others whom we felt had only a small likelihood of exposure.

As I mentioned, our earlier categorization was biased by the desire to be sure that all who had a potential for plutonium exposure were included. I plan to get together with Ken Heid and work out a further breakdown as to those we know were plutonium workers and those we can only presume were plutonium workers.

Sincerely,

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