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Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your October 24, 1986, letter concerning the use of human subjects in radiation experiments.

Pursuant to your request that the Department of Energy identify the persons who served as experimental subjects and to examine their histories for evidence of radiation-associated diseases, our field operations offices have been sent copies of your letter and your committee's October 1986 report, with a request that they advise us regarding the feasibility of such an endeavor. Similar requests have been sent to several of the investigators who were involved or have inherited the records. The responses that have been received to date are summarized in the attached statement.

In regard to your kind offer to propose legislation to compensate the irradiation subjects, the initial responses indicate that the subjects who received appreciable radiation doses are being followed or have died. If any problems that cannot be covered by existing remedial procedures are discovered, we will apprise your office of the situation.

We appreciate your concern for health problems.

Yours truly,

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Honorable Edward J. Markey
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