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TO : John C. Bugher, M. D., Director, Division of DATE: JAN 5 1952
 Biology and Medicine, Washington, D. C.

FROM : Carroll L. Tyler, Manager, Santa Fe Operations

SUBJECT: (POSSIBLE CLAIM OF CANCER FROM TEST RADIATION - 704929

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While in the Las Vegas Field Office December 17, 1952 on other business _____ casually remarked that following the last series of tests a cancer had developed on his wife's face which may or may not have been caused by radiation received at her Groom Mine home. He further stated that monitors stationed at the Groom Mine had a radiation dosage of 2r when they left and that the area in general was reading 20 mr. It was also learned that _____ has made three trips to Salt Lake City for treatment.

As stated above, the mention of _____ cancer was casual and there was no indication that they intended to allege that it was caused by radiation from test operations. During the conversation it was pointed out to _____ that large numbers of persons employed at MFC had been exposed to higher levels of radiation than _____ without ill effects to any. However, the possibility exists that a claim may be made at some future date and your advice is requested as to what action, if any, should be taken at this time.

In considering this, it should be remembered that the _____ have been most cooperative and it is important that their good will be preserved. It is our intention to let the matter rest unless medical examination at this time would improve our position should a claim ultimately be filed.

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