

November 16, 1976

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Dear Dr. Mancuso:

This letter is a followup to our telephone conversation of several weeks ago. As I indicated at that time, BER plans to conduct an independent analysis of the Hanford data by outside experts. I am sure you would agree that peer reviews are essential in assuring acceptance of the findings by the scientific community and the public. This is particularly true because of the great public interest in and the potential impact of the results of the analysis done by your group.

On November 8, 1976, Dr. Liverman and members of the Division staff met with Drs. Brian MacMahon, George Hutchison, Charles Land and Mr. Seymour Jablon. At this meeting, Dr. Land of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) agreed to conduct an independent analysis of the Hanford mortality data and report his findings to the ad hoc committee. It is therefore mandatory that all pertinent data to conduct such an analysis are available to Dr. Land. This pertains in particular to the data base developed for the recent ERDA funded analysis of the Hanford data.

In view of the importance of the issues at hand I know that I will have your full cooperation to meet any requests for information by the ad hoc committee, Dr. Charles Land, ^{of the} National Cancer Institute, or Mr. L. Denton, Union Carbide Corporation, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, in the near future.

I would appreciate your contacting me at your earliest convenience to discuss how the cooperation with your office could most effectively be implemented to achieve the mutual objective.

Sincerely,

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