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Dear Chet:

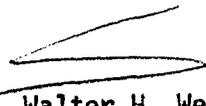
As I indicated during our telephone conversation of December 13, 1977 there appears to be an immediate need to collect information on the health and mortality profile of populations in the vicinity of various DOE facilities. This need is dictated by repeated claims that the public health is adversely affected by activities in these facilities.

I am requesting that Cliff Patrick and his staff temporarily suspend ongoing studies and divert their efforts to this new task. As I envisage it, the task consists of collecting the most recent available data on health statistics for the regions of interest. From these and other pertinent information, crude disease and mortality rates can be extracted and compared to suitable control groups or regions. In case unusual health profiles are found, a more detailed analysis for that region will be required. I have asked Cliff to submit a general plan for these activities. The Division of Naval Reactors will be asked to identify regions of interest.

I sincerely appreciate the willingness of you and your staff to accept this assignment.

With best personal regards.

Sincerely,


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