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Dear Dr. Liverman:

During the hearings held by the Subcommittee on Health and the Environment on February 8 and 9, 1978, with respect to the health effects of low-level ionizing radiation, several issues were raised by members of the Subcommittee which were not adequately explained.

I would appreciate receiving answers to the following questions by no later than Friday, May 19, 1978:

- (1) What are the specific administrative arrangements or relationships between Battelle Inc., Pacific Northwest Laboratories, Oak Ridge Affiliated Universities and DOE/ERDA/AEC?
- (2) Are these institutions considered independent, private organizations or are they considered an intramural extension of the Department of Energy and/or any other U.S. Government Agency?
- (3) What is the specific section under Title 41 CFR (Chapters 1 and 9 -- Federal Procurement Regulations) which governs the procurement and R&D contracting activities of DOE with each of the above named institutions?
- (4) What were the specific "work-scope" statements for the Mancuso contract and the subsequent contract(s) with the above indicated institutions? Please provide copies of the work-scope statements of these contracts.
- (5) Were these contracts/procurements awarded by negotiation or by formal advertising? Who were some of the other bidders or were any other institutions considered for negotiation? If not, why not?
- (6) What were the specific benefits (anticipated and actual) to the government in terminating the Mancuso contract and reawarding the same contract to other institutions?
- (7) Does the DOE have preestablished or routine procedures for conducting peer review, technical merit evaluation and cost analysis?

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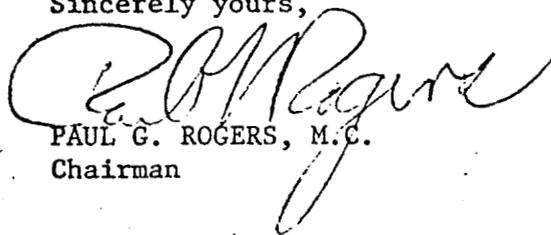
for contract bidders? Would you provide copies of your guidelines for conducting such reviews?

(8) Were the same criteria or standards used in evaluating Dr. Mancuso's contract as the Oak Ridge Affiliated Universities and Battelle Inc.? Please provide documentary evidence if the same measures were used.

(9) Please provide copies of the guidelines regulating conflict of interest case at the Department of Energy.

I look forward to your prompt response to these questions, and am certain that the information will be of assistance to the Subcommittee.

Sincerely yours,



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