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The Honorable Albert Gore, Jr.
Chairman - Subcommittee
Oversight and Investigation
House Science and Technology Committee
819 House Office Building
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Washington, DC 20515

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FOLDER MANCUSO

Dear Congressman Gore:

The University of Pittsburgh with Dr. Thomas F. Mancuso as principal investigator had a research contract with the Division of Biology and Medicine of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) and its successor, the Department of Energy (DOE). The contract was DE-AL-02-76EV03428, formerly, EY76-S-02-3428. The research terminated in July 1977. However, the research contract remains open between the University of Pittsburgh and DOE.

The research conducted by Dr. Thomas F. Mancuso from 1964 to 1977 was to evaluate and develop all the necessary data for AEC facilities throughout the country for subsequent analysis on the biological effects of radiation. The principal AEC facilities were at Oak Ridge Tennessee, (110,000 employees) and at Hanford, Washington (35,000 employees).

During the years, Dr. Mancuso, as the principal investigator, established and maintained a University of Pittsburgh office and staff at Oak Ridge to compile the records and establish the necessary files. The records were transmitted to the computer facility at Oak Ridge, which became the main computer storage of all the recorded data, the Oak Ridge data, the Hanford data, and all other data pertaining to the other AEC facilities developed by Dr. Mancuso from 1964 through 1977.

When the DOE terminated the research by Mancuso, the DOE divided the activity between the Oak Ridge Associated Universities, to undertake the Oak Ridge study; and Batelle North West of Washington for the Hanford study. Dr. Clarence Lausbaugh became the director of the Oak Ridge radiation study.

The DOE had acknowledged that on the basis of the research contract, Dr. Thomas Mancuso, as the principal investigator, from 1964 to 1977, is entitled to a copy of the records that were developed in the course of the research. This is underscored by the fact that the DOE has kept the research contract open with the University of Pittsburgh.

The University of Pittsburgh, on behalf of Dr. Mancuso, has repeatedly requested that the copies of the research data that were developed by the University of Pittsburgh staff and left at Oak Ridge be provided to Dr. Mancuso.

These requests were made to the DOE in December 1979 and on November 24, 1980, December 10, 1980, February 18, 1981, April 9, 1981 and May 19, 1981. There has been no response to any of the requests. Dr. Clarence Lausbaugh transferred copies of the

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research data to the University of North Carolina in 1980, but Dr. Mancuso was not provided with a copy of his own data.

Dr. Thomas F. Mancuso and the University of Pittsburgh insist on the basic scientific right of the principal investigator to his own data, which right was acknowledged by the DOE.

We shall appreciate your assistance in the matter of expediting the transfer of the research data from Oak Ridge to Dr. Thomas F. Mancuso at the University of Pittsburgh in keeping with the principles of scientific investigation throughout the country.

Sincerely,

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