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Dear Walt:

It certainly was a pleasure speaking with you again. As you requested, I have recalled my last phone conversation with _____ in the paragraph below:

Approximately two weeks ago from this date, _____ called me in response to my phone call to his home requesting that the NYU permission slips be signed and forwarded as soon as possible. It was during that conversation that _____ mentioned that at his request, his attorneys had looked into the Price-Anderson Act and decided that their legal suit should be extended to include the Atomic Energy Commission. Exactly what specific clause in this act would be invoked was not described. In addition, _____ mentioned that since this could be considered a "test" case involving a child, the suit would be for the maximum amount allowable, or _____ (I think). He asked if I had heard anything of this yet, since his lawyers had evidently sent material describing their intent to Commissioner Dixy Lee Ray's office. I replied that I had not heard anything to date, and that I was somewhat flabbergasted at this news! He said that he hoped that this turn of events would not in any way influence (or jeopardize) our plans to go ahead with the chelation therapy and study program as originally planned. He then went on to add that I really should not be too concerned, since this suit would in no way affect any of us personally in any way.

Subsequent to this phone conversation, _____ forwarded the two permission slips, copies of which I have enclosed for your records. My feelings about this whole matter are somewhat ambiguous, since until this time I was under the impression that the foremost motive in _____ mind was to guarantee medical treatment for his child and himself. It now appears that aspirations are somewhat more extensive and might ultimately

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jeopardize the possibility of us all acting in a scientific, objective, and humanistic fashion. I truly hope he can be persuaded to consider the many ramifications of his proposed action.

As I mentioned, we are very anxious to get started on our study of the zinc salt of DTPA in the baboon. I am waiting to hear from Vic Smith and intend to write Chuck Mays in the near future. If you have any ideas on how you think we should proceed in obtaining this material within a reasonable period of time, I would appreciate your suggestions. I think your idea for a central supply is excellent; however, it sounds somewhat off in the future.

I will keep you informed of any additions to our knowledge of the affair, and of our chelation studies in the baboon. I hope to see you soon, perhaps under better circumstances than when we last met.

Sincerely yours,



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