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Dr. Walter M. Weyzen
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Dear Dr. Weyzen:

Enclosed is your copy of the class photograph taken during the course, "Medical Planning and Care in Radiation Accidents", held November 8-12, in REAC/TS. Also enclosed is a summary of the critiques submitted by participants at the close of the week. The numbers in parentheses on page two represent the total responses to each respective category. There are two points to note on the first page:

1) The length of the course was thought to be approximately one day too long. Could this account for lowered attendance in the last two courses?

2) The question and answer sessions, added as a formal part of this program for the first time, were well received.

In addition, the REAC/TS in-house staff has reviewed the critiques and held discussions concerning future course(s) improvement. A glossary of basic radiobiologic terms seems to be required as reflected in participant response. Such a glossary is now being generated and a draft will be mailed to all participating staff for review. The in-house staff also discussed, in depth, the laboratory sessions dealing with wound monitoring and decontamination. In general, we felt that we underperformed in these endeavors. The lack of proper emergency room equipment - ie. visible surgical tray; not using a complete manikin, or better yet a live model; better moulage; and not having some actual REAC/TS medical staff participate were major points considered. These specific problems will be addressed in planning future laboratory exercises.

Beginning the course on Sunday evening will probably be abandoned since only 45% (5 out of 11) of the participants were in Oak Ridge by 8 PM that day.

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Suggestions were made that since the Oak Ridge Museum of Atomic Energy has an excellent working model of a nuclear reactor, we might consider a demonstration lecture at the museum site.

There continues to be significant interest in an advanced course of one or two day duration. This type of course will be considered in the near future, and we solicit your input.

There was some discussion that the problems assigned to participants be restructured and updated. This subject will be considered prior to the next medical course on March 28-April 1, 1977. Please let us know of your availability for that course.

Finally, many participants were dissatisfied with breakfast service at the Alexander, but liked the rooms and convenient location. We are exploring solutions to this problem with the hotel and may be able to have some type of buffet breakfast set up for future courses. Another possibility would be to have coffee and rolls with the first lecture instead of at 10 AM.

Please let us have your ideas and suggestions for improvement of future courses.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

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