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Note to Hal Hollister, Acting Director
Division of Operational and Environmental Safety

Three employees were exposed to airborne americium-241 while removing material from a glove box in Building 332, Lawrence Livermore Laboratory (LLL) at about 11:30 a.m., October 26, 1978. Lung scans performed at LLL indicated 8.4 nCi and 4 nCi to two of the employees; the third exhibited no intake. Bioassay sampling is being conducted. The area around the glove box was not contaminated.

A Type B Investigation Committee is being formed.

A press release will be made this afternoon, October 27, 1978.

OES was informed of the incident by Mr. Edward Keheley, Environment and Safety Division, SAN, at 3:55 p.m. EDT, October 27, 1978, through the EOC.

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