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Dear Dr. Drewry:

INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF HUMAN MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENTS AND OTHER RADIATION RELEASE EXPERIMENTS

Secretary O'Leary has initiated an independent review of human medical and scientific experiments (see enclosed Secretarial memo). This review will require an extensive document search on a high priority basis, and I am counting on you to help me assure its success.

For purposes of this search, use a liberal interpretation of what comes within "relevant records pertaining to human medical and scientific experiments." For instance, what some may view as medical treatment others may view as experimentation. Therefore, we intend to err on the side of over-inclusion; you may note any concerns regarding whether certain identified documents are within the scope of the search. It is important that this document search include all relevant information including the protocols which were followed for informed consent.

The enclosed memo to the Manager from John Keliher, Director, Office of Intelligence and National Security (OINS), requests that we forward copies to Headquarters Office of Declassification of the currently classified Oak Ridge Operations (ORO) documents relating to:

1. The General Accounting Office Report, "Nuclear Health and Safety: Examples of Post World War II Radiation Releases at U.S. Sites", and;
2. "[A]ny other experiments involving deliberate release of radiation to the environment". We have been informed that this last phrase relates to those releases of radioactivity that were similar to the Hanford Green Run, where direct emissions/ deposits of, or exposure to, radioactivity impacted humans.

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Unclassified documents related to these subjects will also be sent to Headquarters; therefore, please include them in your document search efforts.

For purposes of the OINS request, please interpret the term "deliberate" to include such experiments as using unshielded radioactive sources on DOE property, and bypassing exhaust filters in order to study the discharge of radioactivity. "Environment" includes on-site, as well as off-site air, water, and land.

Ms. Judith Stroud and Mr. Erskine Hicks have been designated as the ORO Co-Project Managers. Please provide them three copies of all unclassified document inventories responsive to this request. Also, please provide them the name of your ORISE Project Manager within the next few days. We would like all readily available documents by February 1, 1994, along with a proposed plan for completing the comprehensive search and providing inventories of additional relevant documents. Your plan should include the resources required.

If you have any questions, please have your Project Manager contact Ms. Stroud (576-1836) or Mr. Hicks (576-1113).

Sincerely,



Joe La Grone
Manager

2 Enclosures

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The Secretary of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

December 23, 1993

MEMORANDUM TO: HEADS OF HEADQUARTERS ELEMENTS
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OPERATIONS OFFICES

FROM: THE SECRETARY *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF HUMAN MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC
EXPERIMENTS

A key aspect of our Openness Initiative is a continuing commitment to identify and bring to light as much information as possible concerning the experiments involving human subjects that were performed or supported by the Department and its predecessor agencies. Recent Congressional and media attention to this issue has dramatically illustrated its importance, as well as underscoring of the public concerns which have been raised.

The matter of governmental human experimentation is significant historically. But of even greater importance is the Department's commitment to scientific excellence. The "Core Value" of maintaining a personal commitment to professionalism and integrity requires the fullest possible public disclosure of the history of the Department's involvement in human experimentation.

It is incumbent upon all members of the Department to identify and gather all of the records and information that may pertain to human experimentation carried out by the Department or its predecessor agencies. Please take steps to assemble all relevant records under your purview (including all appropriate records of your current and former Management and Operating contractors). The Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health, Dr. Tara C'Toole will be providing separately detailed instructions on the mechanism for the assembly and inventory of these records for subsequent transmission to a central location. Prompt and complete implementation of this directive is critical to demonstrate our commitment to an open and fair review of these activities.

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MEMORANDUM FOR DOE OPERATIONS OFFICE MANAGERS

FROM: JOHN G. KELIHER *JG Keliker*
DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE AND NATIONAL SECURITY

SUBJECT: RADIATION RELEASE EXPERIMENTS

You are aware of the recent news stories concerning a series of classified experiments involving the release of radioactive material into the environment done in the 1940's and the early 1950's. These news stories are based on a current General Accounting Office report entitled, "Nuclear Health and Safety: Examples of Post World War II Radiation Releases at U.S. Sites," which was prepared at the request of Senator Glenn. The experiments are identified in the attached General Accounting Office report.

The Secretary has requested you immediately have all the files at your sites and facilities, both Government and contractor, searched for any documents related to the experiments discussed in the attached report and any other experiments involving deliberate release of radiation to the environment, except for nuclear weapons tests. All such documents should be reviewed for declassification by the local classification office (double review required for classified documents), classified information should be bracketed, and the results of your review clearly indicated on the cover or first page of each document (e.g., declassified, contains Department of Energy (DOE) classified information, does not contain DOE classified information). In addition, indicate which other Government agencies need to review the document when appropriate (e.g., coordinate with Department of Defense, Central Intelligence Agency, etc.). The document should be forwarded to the Office of Declassification (OD) as soon as possible. The OD will compile your inputs and conduct any necessary interagency coordination.

In order to provide as much information to the public as quickly as possible, limit your search to onsite document storage locations. Depending on whether the results of this initial effort give us the full story, we will decide whether it is necessary to expand the search to archival storage centers.



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The Secretary made a major commitment to openness during her news conference of December 7; this is an opportunity for all of us to help the Secretary deliver on her commitment. Consequently, I would appreciate a rapid response to this request.

Attachment

cc:
Victor Rezendes, General Accounting Office
Harold Smith, Department of Defense
Senator Glenn, Chairman, Committee on
Governmental Affairs
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