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Oak Ridge, Tennessee
April 8, 1948

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Dear [REDACTED]:

This office wishes to acknowledge your letter of April 1st, 1948, directed to Dr. W. G. Pollard, Executive Director of the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies.

The newspaper articles which you have read concerning the use of radioisotopes in the treatment of cancer are not always as scientifically accurate as one might desire. In fact, there are only a few specific diseases which are amenable to isotope treatment. From the information contained in your letter, I am unable to determine whether or not your daughter's illness falls in this category.

May I respectfully suggest that you return to your private physician or take your daughter to the University of Tennessee Medical School at Memphis for whatever treatment she may require.

This office does not carry on human research or treatment here in Oak Ridge, but functions mainly as an allocation and administrative agency. I trust this information fulfills your request and regret that we cannot be of more help to you in this difficult period.

Sincerely yours,

Albert H. Holland, Jr., M.D.
Medical Advisor

cc: Dr. W. G. Pollard

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April 1, 1948

Dr. W. G. Pollard, Executive Director
Atomic Energy Commission
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Subject: My Child has Cancer

Dear Dr. Pollard:

I have read with great interest your articles on radioactive isotopes and possible cure of cancer.

I will state my case briefly. About the middle of November 1947 a small lump/or tumor appeared on my daughters back or lower rib. This did not hurt or bother to much and the doctor seemed to think that it was a pulled muscle. However, it began to grow and bothered her. An XRay was made about the 23rd of December and it did not show attached to rib.

This tumor was watched weekly until February 4th, when it was removed (or as much as possible). Some of this tumor being in between the ribs. This place puffed up and did not heal rapidly. The tumor was tested and report came that it was malignant. I immediately carried her to Memphis for XRay Therapy. They gave her the limit and the doctors did not give me any encouragement as to her recovery.

The last treatment was five weeks ago and she is suffering with her legs and chest hurting, is very nervous and does not sleep very much. My daughter is nineteen years of age.

I am the widow of a doctor and would like to have you write me and tell me if you think that there might be a chance to save my child by your great discovery. I am desperate. I will appreciate anything you might do in my behalf.

Thanking you in advance for any kindness and consideration, I am

Yours very sincerely,
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