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Dr. Joseph G. Hamilton
Crocker Radiation Laboratory
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Dear Joe!

I am in receipt of a letter from Major General A. H. Waitt, requesting that I serve on a military liaison committee of which you are chairman.

At the request of Major General Waitt, I am writing to let you know that I have accepted appointment to this committee. I believe this committee can serve a useful function, but because of other responsibilities which each of us has, I hope trips to meetings can be limited to the minimum number necessary for our best function.

Sincerely,

Karl Z. Morgan
Health Physics Director

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Office of the Chief, Chemical Corps
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For The Atomic Energy Commission

H. F. Canell

13 May 1949 Chief, Declassification Branch *de*

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Dr. Karl Z. Morgan
Oak Ridge National Laboratory
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Morgan:

The Chemical Corps is in the midst of a radiological munitions development program along lines recommended by a joint panel of the Atomic Energy Commission and the National Military Establishment in the summer of 1948.

The responsibility for this development is assigned to the Chief, Chemical Corps. I have requested permission of the Military Liaison Committee to form a panel to study the dangers to civilian populations which might be exposed as a result of carrying out the assigned mission of the Chemical Corps in radiological testing programs and to make recommendations concerning the use of certain field test sites.

It is my belief that a committee of this sort should be established in order to furnish the best possible advice before undertaking any tests involving potentially hazardous materials. I wish to be assured that no injury will be caused by carrying out specific field tests.

The Military Liaison Committee agreed to the proposal to form a panel and the following persons have been suggested as members:

- Dr. J. G. Hamilton, University of California - Chairman
- Dr. A. R. Olpin, President, University of Utah
- Dr. Karl Z. Morgan, Oak Ridge, Tennessee
- Dr. G. Failla, Columbia University
- Dr. Harry Wexler, Meteorologist, U. S. Weather Bureau
- Dr. Kenneth Scott, Crocker Radiological Laboratory

It is believed that the proposed Panel represents all the necessary talents and experience required for the job.

I have talked with Dr. Hamilton and he has agreed to serve as chairman of this panel. Since it was inconvenient for him to communicate directly with each suggested member of the panel, he has asked me to explain the purpose of the proposed panel and to extend an invitation to you to serve in this capacity.

Staff assistance will be provided by Dr. Carl B. Marquand, Secretary of the Research Council and Secretary of this panel and by Captain Sidney Hardwick as assistant to Dr. Marquand. Mr. George Milly of the Test Division of Technical

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Command will act in the capacity of adviser on Chemical Corps field test programs.

It has been suggested that the panel study the general scope of the Chemical Corps program and then visit the contemplated test sites. The tests planned may be broken down into two phases: The first involving materials with low activity and the second involving extensive tests using materials with relatively high activity. Our program must not be hazardous to the civilian population. Possible dangers which might be found may be classed as immediate, long-term, or cumulative. It must be decided whether these dangers apply to the civilian population itself, to the destruction of its range and wild life, its crops, its land, its water supplies, and so forth.

If it is possible for you to serve on this panel, kindly call me collect at Republic 6700, Ext. 3580 or Dr. Marquand at the office of the Research Council, Edgewood 1000, Ext 5281, and notify us of your decision. We will immediately inform Dr. Hamilton.

I might have called you directly concerning this matter, but without proper background information, it would have been difficult to explain in a brief time what the situation involved.

Since rapid strides are being made in the proposed program, it will be necessary to move expeditiously in order that the recommendations may be provided at an early date.

Dr. John J. Grebe, our Scientific Adviser, Mr. Saul Hormats, and Dr. Marquand will meet with Dr. Hamilton on or about 19 May for a discussion of plans and procedures to be followed. Following this meeting, definite information will be transmitted to you from the Secretary as to the proposed plan to be followed by the panel members.

Please feel free to contact my office or the office of the Secretary concerning matters relative to this panel whenever desirable.

Your background and experience in connection with this survey will make you an exceedingly valuable member of this panel, and it is hoped that you will see fit to serve in such a capacity.

Kindest regards.

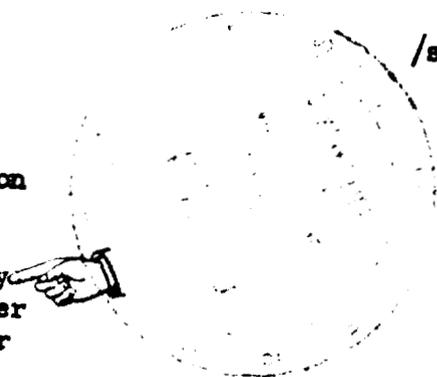
Sincerely yours,

/s/ Alden H. Waite
Major General
Chief, Chemical Corps

cc: Dr. Hamilton

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