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CIRC Records

For your information the legal staff of the Division of Biology and Medicine, AEC is taking considerable interest in compliance with the regulations concerning Protection of the Human Subject in Research. On May 9 I had a long conversation with the Staff of DBM asking questions about the administration of carbon-14 to women who might become pregnant after the administration. They were particularly concerned as to whether due attention had been given to the question of the development of pregnancy after administration of radioisotopes for experimental purposes and the possibility of litigation in the event of abnormal birth or later disease in off-spring or mother. They're particularly concerned about records of the deliberations of the CIRC and the reasons for approval.

I believe that our records are probably as good if not better than any other institution in the United States. I have suggested that it would be constructive for members of the legal and scientific staff of DBM to visit Brookhaven and attend meetings of the CIRC to see the care with which the deliberations are made. Whether anyone will come, I do not know.

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