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TO : George A. Hardie, Medical Branch, Division of Biology and Medicine, Washington, D. C. DATE: May 22, 1952

FROM : ~~George A. Hardie~~
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SUBJECT: MEDICAL INVESTIGATION OF WILLIAM ARTHUR SCHOLES

Reference your memorandum of May 8, 1952, subject as above. Dr. R. A. Bell is Medical Consultant to Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corporation. The information released to Dr. Bell consisted of a brief summary of the Scholes investigation and was provided at the request of the Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corporation with Dr. Walsh's knowledge and concurrence. We do not provide our findings in these investigations to nonauthorized or nonmedical personnel but felt that Dr. Bell as medical advisor to Fairchild Engine and Aircraft Corporation could be considered as an authorized recipient.

The statement in your memorandum, "I understand that the NEPA project was an Air Force contract and not an AEC contract with Fairchild. If this is true, there was no necessity for the AEC to have investigated the cause of death of — together with your reaction to my telephone inquiry re

Ohio State University, has given me the impression that concern in these investigations may no longer lie in the broad research aims presented in GM Bulletin 137 but is bending towards a more conservative estimate of what our interests might be. The members of COO staff immediately concerned with cases investigated under GM-137 have not exhibited any marked reaction to this change in policy but feel that some clarification of the investigative aims is in order. If our interest is to apply only to facilities having AEC contracts as your memorandum indicates, then GH Bulletin CH-LEG-4 and Controllers Release #20, August 25, 1949, covers our interests and the provisions of GM-137 no longer becomes necessary. On this basis we would suggest that consideration be given to a modification of or rescinding of GM-137.

Should you feel that neither course is proper we would appreciate receiving an outline of the types of situations GM-137 intends to cover and which office is liable for costs incurred in the investigations.

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