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October 30, 1984

The Honorable Donald P. Hodel  
Secretary  
Department of Energy  
Forrestal Building  
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

As you know, the Subcommittee has been surveying Atomic Energy Commission files dealing with radiation exposure over the period 1945-1962. This is to request that copies of certain documents in those files be provided to the Subcommittee for further review.

Many of the requested documents are Unclassified or are For Official Use Only and thus may be provided directly without difficulty. However, I understand that a number of the documents are classified. In view of the age of the subject material, I believe these documents could likely be declassified. Accordingly, I request that their classification be reviewed by the Department so that declassified copies can be provided where possible. Copies of any documents which must remain classified should be transmitted separately to the Subcommittee office.

The subcommittee staff contact for this request is Dr. Gerald Brubaker who can be reached at 226-2424. A list of the requested documents is attached.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

*Richard Ottinger*

Richard L. Ottinger  
Chairman

Attachment

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**ATTACHMENT**

**Box 1**

**File: Special Case 3-9 Wenzel, Albert**

**Document requested: Telegram April 14, 1948  
Shields Warren to Col. DeCoursey.**

**File: Special Case 3-9 Gonstead, Arthur R.**

**Documents requested: News Clip - Seattle Home News - Dec. 18.  
1948. December 31, 1948 ltr. from Buettne to Warren**

**File: Health and Safety Effects 1945-1952. (UNCLAS).**

**Documents requested: Letters from Governor of Utah, May 9, 1952.  
Letter of Governor J. Bracken Lee to Gordon Dean, Chairman AEC,  
May 7, 1952.**

**File: Medicine Health & Safety Effect. Hiroshima and Nagasaki  
1945-1952**

**Documents requested: Memo: Bowers from Aebersold, ORNL, March  
18, 1948. Subject: Investigation of Patients which have  
received radio isotopes**

- contains subject list
- names of investigators who have received large doses marked in red. 29 names total - UNCLASSIFIED

File: (Secret) Radiation Exposure Records "52" (Confidential)

Documents requested: "Radiation Accident at Argonne",

Memo June 3, 1952 from Durham.

From: Thomas L. Shipman, M.D.

To: S. Allan Loyl, May 14, 1952 (FOUO)

Attachment: May 12, 1952 (6 pages), signed by Carl W.

Berkland, plus Summary of Blood Examinations "Results of blood counts given in tabular form" - Missing FOUO

February 29, 1952 letter.

To: John C. Bugher from Thomas Shipman (Conf.)

Memo lists and explains individual exposures in excess of 3.9r.

Air force personnel in Operation "Buster-Jangle".

Letter (Restricted) February 25, 1952

To: Lt. Col. James B. Hartgering

From: Thomas D. Shipman

Memo (Secret) January 5, 1951

To: Distribution List

From: Shipman

Permissible Exposures to Radiation at Site Mercury.

Box 2

File: Special Cases, 1953, (Secret)

Documents requested: Dr. Alfred Dick, USN, (UNCLAS.)

Two Memos to Files dated July 16, 1956 and July 15, 1956 by  
C.L. Durham (UNCLAS).

Letter: May 4, 1953, (UNCLAS.)

To: John C. Burgher From: Walter Claus

Letter: May 7, 1954, Dunham to Brundage

File: 3-9 SPECIAL CASES (MIS. "J-O" )

Document Requested: ORNL Personnel (NAMES) averages over  
120mr/week over 26 weeks, June 25, 1949

File: Medicine, H&S  
Special Cases 1953

Documents requested: Memo: Dr. Gordon Dunning, to file, June 12,  
1953

Info on 3 cases of alleged radiation sickness at Tempiute,

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Nevada (Lincoln Mine)  
Info on 12 cases total

Letter: Brundage to Durham, May 7, 1953

Memo: Burgher from Claus, May 4, 1953, (UNCLAS)

Advice on Fall-out Cases at UCLA

Study "Some Post Exposure Studies of Urinary Uranium", "AR.  
Bernard" Y-12 (Secret)

Memo Shaw to Warren, December 4, 1950 (Secret)

Subject: Radiation Over-exposure

Letter - Geraty to Davison (UNCLAS)

Re: Veteran with Leukemia, June 11, 1952

Letter - Lyon to Geraty, undated (UNCLAS)

File: Special Cases Misc. (Secret)

"J-0". 1953

Documents requested: Case: Kelley, George F.

Case: Kenton, Edwin C. (UNCLAS)

Case: Kohler, Thomas F., February 1950 (UNCLAS)

(Entire file)

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Was in Bikini Test Program, 1946, last correspondence  
May 25, 1950

File: Misc. "P-Z", 1953 (Confidential)

Entire file requested

File: "MR&A" Analysis of Soil from Tests, 1954 (Confidential)

Entire file requested

File: MR&A, 1954 Radiation Exposures - native and Test  
Personnel, March-May 1954, Bikini

Documents requested:

Memo: May 20, 1954 (Confidential)

To: John Burgher, OGC, May 20, 1954

From: Gordon Dunning

Subject: Suggested Answers to Questions Raised by State Dept.

4 pages.

Memo:

To: Those listed below

From: Morse Salisbury, March 5, 1954

Draft AEC-DOD statement and attached statements related to test  
on February 28, 1954 and resulting evacuation of natives in  
Marshall Islands.

Memo: Fields from Bugher, March 5, Secret R/D

**Box 3**

**File:** Organization and Management Report - (Confidential)

**Documents requested:**

"Operation Castle, Final Report Project 4.1

Entitled "Study of Response of Human Beings Accidentally  
Exposed to Significant Fallout Radiation"

Author: E.P. Cronkite, et al, October 1954.

Entire file requested

**File:** Test TWX (Secret)

Fallout on Japan

March 21, 1954 (Secret)

Vols 1-4

Entire file requested

**File:** Medicine, Health & Safety (Secret)

Monitoring Fallout, 1956 3-8

**Document requested:** Memo: Durham from Dunning (UNCLAS)

**Subject:** Estimate accumulation of Sr-90 from continued  
weapons testing.

**File:** MR&A, 1954 7-5 Native & Test Personnel (Confidential)

Entire file requested

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**Box 4**

**File: Special Cases, (Secret) A-7, 1956**

**Entire file requested**

**File: Medicine. Health & Safety, 1959**

**Entire file requested**