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TO (Name and unit) Mr. Rowden Mr. Schur	INITIALS	REMARKS Attached is a copy of the proposed Plutonium Patient Program paper that is scheduled to be informally discussed at a 5.45 p.m. meeting today. This document reflects BER and OGC comments.		
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2. The Director, BER, shall inform the directors of institutions, *involved in the* ~~which directly or indirectly receive funds from AEC for the~~ performance of studies on the above patients, of the need to have future studies of these subjects reviewed by their institutional review committees. All available material information shall be presented to the institutional review committees. ~~If the institutions are to receive further AEC~~ funding, they will abide by the findings of such committees in the matter of procedures for informed consent, the conduct of further studies on the patients and the guarding of anonymity of the patients in the publication of scientific results.

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3. The Atomic Energy Commission will seek to discover all available information regarding the matter. This inquiry will take the form of a search for documentation of events and the interview of interested parties. All interviews will be conducted on a regularized basis by a team(s) of BER and Inspection Division representatives. The detailed plans and procedures will be formulated by these two Divisions in consultation with the Office of the General Counsel. This investigation shall be conducted as rapidly and completely as possible.

B. Actions to be initiated Immediately and completed within six weeks.

A committee of three disinterested medical scientists shall be appointed by the President of the Institute of Medicine ^(or some other appropriate outside party) to review the BER-Inspection Division report and all material information concerning the patients and studies as well as the involvement of the Manhattan Engineering District, Atomic Energy Commission and their contractors in this matter. The committee shall prepare a report suitable for public release.

C. Actions to be taken during the next seven weeks.

1. Upon completion of the committee report, a public statement of disclosure will be issued by the Commission. Earlier public statements will be prepared in response to inquiries.
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