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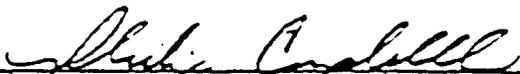
TASK FORCE TO REVIEW HUMAN SUBJECT RESEARCH

There is hereby established a task force to review and report on any and all research projects which utilized radioactive and other potentially harmful material involving human subjects within the facilities for the mentally retarded operated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, said review is to commence immediately. The task force shall report to the Office of Commissioner on or before March 31, 1994 its findings with a written report in such form as the task force members deem appropriate.

This task force is being established due to the recent release of documents by the U.S. Department of Energy. These documents reveal that individuals with mental retardation were previously used by researchers in experiments involving the radioactive materials. The task force shall review and analyze all such research. It shall also attempt to identify each and every resident who participated in such research. It shall also attempt through the Department of Mental Retardation to locate all such individuals who shall be provided with information concerning the research and, particularly, the use of radioactive or other potentially harmful material. To the extent that individuals are identified who have since died from the time of the experiments, the task force shall attempt to obtain records concerning the cause of death of such former residents.

The task force shall be comprised of such individuals with appropriate background, training, and interest as the Commissioner shall determine appropriate. There shall be a chairperson of the task force who shall be The Deputy Commissioner, Frederick M. Misilo, Jr. The task force members shall serve at the pleasure of the Commissioner. The task force shall meet on a regular basis and shall make its final report to the Commissioner in writing.

Established this 29th day of December,
1993


Philip Campbell, Commissioner
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