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The Administrator
Veterans Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Dr. George M. Lyon

Dear Sir:

This activity has received information that the Army Field Forces is proposing to eliminate the requirement for maintaining detailed statistical records of radiological exposures received by Army personnel.

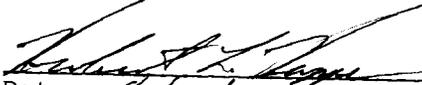
This requirement was originally conceived as being necessary to protect the government's interest in case any large number of veterans should attempt to bring suit against the government based on a real or imagined exposure to nuclear radiations during an atomic war. Although the Army Field Forces is the only organization which is now proposing to eliminate this requirement, it is possible that the Navy and Air Force may propose similar action in the future.

It is not intended that this will change the present policy as regards health protection measures presently in use at isotope laboratories, atomic tests, etc.

The Armed Forces Special Weapons Project, in its capacity as a coordinating agency in matters pertaining to atomic warfare, requests that the Administrator, Veterans Administration state his policy as regards the need for the keeping of such records, in order that the three Armed Services may be advised.

/s/ HERBERT B. LOPER
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