

Attachment 7

Memorandum from R. S. Pearson, Administrative Assistant, to
the Area Engineer, Madison Square Area, dated
October 24, 1946, re: "Uranium Studies in Humans." Copy; 2 p.
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ADDRESS REPLY TO
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Subject: Uranium Studies in Humans.

To: The Area Engineer, Madison Square Area, New York, N. Y.
(Attention: Mr. Joseph H. Hayner)

- Attached is copy of letter received from Dr. Andrew H. Dowdy, Director of the Manhattan Department, University of Rochester, regarding request of Dr. Samuel H. Bassett to give a departmental seminar on the excretion rate of uranium in humans.
- As Dr. Dowdy states, all of the work on uranium experiments performed at the University of Rochester have been declassified. However, none of the work performed on humans has been declassified. Dr. Dowdy states that the patients were Dr. Bassett's, but it should be borne in mind that all the work performed by Dr. Bassett was performed at the request of the Manhattan District Medical Section. This seminar is to be conducted for persons who are all Doctors of Medicine and it is doubtful if this information would get out to any of the families of the patients or the patients on whom the experiments were performed. Other substances besides uranium which Dr. Bassett used are still on the classified list and this information will not be divulged at the seminar.
- At the time these experiments were started, this office was given strict orders that the information should not be released to any but authorized persons. Almost all the correspondence and result of experiments were exchanged between Dr. Wright Langham at Santa Fe and Dr. Bassett of the University of Rochester. This rule is still in effect on some of the material that Dr. Bassett is using and knowledge of the experiments is kept from personnel at the Rochester Area.

4. With the above in mind, it is requested that the decision be

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advanced as soon as possible as Dr. Bassett would like to give this seminar within a month.

For the Area Engineer:

Incl.:
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R. S. Pearson
R. S. PEARSON,
Administrative Assistant.

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