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From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery
To: Secretary of the Navy, The Pentagon, Washington, D. C. 20350

Subj: Case of Darlene RITTER; permission to use whole-body irradiation in

1. Forwarded.

2. The substance of this letter is a request to perform total body irradiation in the case of the subject named patient who is suffering from a universally fatal disease. The proposed procedure has not been widely used but is an acceptable mode of treatment in these type critical cases. The procedure has been discussed with the child's parents who concur in its use. Written authorization will be requested of the parents prior to instituting therapy. The team who would perform this at Bethesda is highly qualified; many of its members are internationally recognized. Your approval is recommended.

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APPROVED 15 August 1972
John W. Warner
Secretary of the Navy