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Major General Jack W. Schwartz, MAC
Commanding General
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Dear General Schwartz:

Your attention is invited to letter dated 27 August 1963 from The Surgeon General notifying you of the forthcoming visit of an AEC representative, Mr. Nathan Bassin. Mr. Bassin is aware of and has participated in the formulation of the Radioisotope License Program (Human Use) as promulgated in the attached draft copy of AR 40-37. These regulations as drafted, except for minor administrative changes, have been published as of 12 August 1963 and distribution is anticipated in the near future.

Upon review of this draft you will note that the proposed program is command oriented so as to provide the flexibility needed by the facility without a need for the numerous license amendments now required. Many former AEC actions are now to be accomplished by the local commander - such as deciding who will use each isotope - and therefore reports and subsequent review by the Surgeon General become necessary.

The current applications for renewal of your license are in reality being reviewed at AEC in light of the proposed Army regulation, as well as AEC regulations. It is believed that Mr. Bassin's visit is primarily concerned with a discussion of your license application as regards command aspects and specific duties assigned to the Radioisotopes Committee. It would appear that this visit may be utilized to your advantage as well as to The Surgeon General's future program development in this area if cordial relationships can be established during this visit.

Mr. Bassin conducts a technical review of all Army activities utilizing radioisotopes and as such has direct knowledge of the individual radioisotope programs. He directly influences licensing of military installations and programs.

It is sincerely hoped that you will take this opportunity to discuss your program with Mr. Bassin.

CONCURRENCE:

Sincerely yours,

Director, PS&O

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