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Mrs. Marvin Gimprich  
Furnace Dock Road  
Peekskill, New York

Dear Mrs. Gimprich:

Your letter to The Surgeon General concerning the removal of radioactivity from milk has been referred to this office for reply.

The policies of the United States Government on the subject of general disarmament, control of nuclear armaments, and the cessation of testing of nuclear weapons are formulated by the President and his advisors. These policies, as discussed in the President's messages and speeches, reflect his continuing concern for the solution of these and all other related problems which affect the Nation's deepest interests in these times of international tension.

The Surgeon General, as an officer of the United States Army, must be guided at all times in the execution of his duties by the policies of those chosen by democratic process to lead the Nation and give direction to the National purpose.

The establishment of federal policies on the wholesomeness of food which is offered for sale by commercial vendors is the responsibility of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. It would not be appropriate for this office to comment on the question of the acceptability of milk as related to the level of radioactivity contained therein or whether its removal is feasible.

Sincerely,

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