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Dear Dr. Failla:

The Chemical Corps is in the midst of a radiological munitions development program along lines recommended by a joint panel of the Atomic Energy Commission and the National Military Establishment in the summer of 1948.

The responsibility for this development is assigned to the Chief, Chemical Corps. I have requested permission of the Military Liaison Committee to form a panel to study the dangers to civilian populations which might be exposed as a result of carrying out the assigned mission of the Chemical Corps in radiological testing programs and to make recommendations concerning the use of certain field test sites.

It is my belief that a committee of this sort should be established in order to furnish the best possible advice before undertaking any tests involving potentially hazardous materials. I wish to be assured that no injury will be caused by carrying out specific field tests.

The Military Liaison Committee agreed to the proposal to form a panel and the following persons have been suggested as members:

- Dr. J. G. Hamilton, University of California - Chairman
- Dr. A. R. Olpin, President, University of Utah
- Dr. Earl Z. Morgan, Oak Ridge, Tennessee
- Dr. G. Failla, Columbia University
- Dr. Harry Wexler, Meteorologist, U. S. Weather Bureau
- Dr. Kenneth Scott, Crocker Radiological Laboratory

It is believed that the proposed Panel represents all the necessary talents and experience required for the job.

I have talked with Dr. Hamilton and he has agreed to serve as chairman of this panel. Since it was inconvenient for him to communicate directly with each suggested member of the panel, he has asked me to explain the purpose of the proposed panel and to extend an invitation to you to serve in this capacity.

Staff assistance will be provided by Dr. Carl B. Marquand, Secretary of the Research Council and [redacted] and by Captain Sidney Hardwick as assistant to Dr. [redacted] of the Test Division

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