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Associate General Counsel

THE FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT

In reply to your memorandum of November 7, 1972, above subject, the requested information concerning committees established to provide advice or recommendations to the Division of Biomedical and Environmental Research is set out in the enclosures to this memorandum.

Original signed by John R. Totter

James L. Liverman, Director
Division of Biomedical and
Environmental Research

Enclosures:

1. Advisory Committee for
Biology and Medicine
2. Transuranium Technical Group
3. Advisory Committee for AEC's
Food Irradiation Program

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Advisory Committee for Biology and Medicine

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Purpose and Activities:

The ACBM, which was established by the Commission in 1947, provides general guidance in policy matters relating to health and safety and in research areas relating to radiological health standards. It has also provided general guidance on broad programs in biological research conducted by the Commission under the Division of Biomedical and Environmental Research and aimed at determining effects of radiation on populations, individuals and various components in the environment. From time to time it has provided advice in areas related to workmen's compensation, recordkeeping, health and longevity studies in atomic workers, etc.

Frequency of Meetings:

Five times a year.

Person or Organization to which it Renders Service:

The ACBM was established to advise the Commission directly on matters of Biomedical and environmental research and health standards. The Committee has also been of direct assistance to the Directors and staff of the Divisions of Biomedical and Environmental Research and Operational Safety.

Transuranium Technical Group

Membership:

The AEC has requested the American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS) to establish the Technical Group and recommended its initial membership as follows:

Chairman

Dr. W. J. Bair
Manager, Biology Department
Battelle Memorial Institute
Pacific Northwest Laboratory
Richland, Washington 99352

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Dr. J. Newell Stannard
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Purpose and Activities:

The Group was established to develop recommendations for an integrated biomedical program of research on transuranium elements based on present and anticipated medical, industrial and defense production and uses of these materials. Areas of particular interest are (1) transuranium elements and coexisting stresses, (2) experimental studies (field and laboratory), and (3) human contamination and therapy.

Frequency of Meetings:

It is expected that the Group will meet two or three times during the next year.

Person or Organization to which it Renders Service:

The Group advises the Director and staff of DBER.

Advisory Committee to the AEC's Food Irradiation Program

Membership:

The AEC requested the American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS) to establish the Committee and its current membership as follows:

Chairman
Dr. Walter M. Urbain
Department of Food Science
College of Agriculture and
Natural Resources
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan 48823

Dr. Paul M. Newberne
Department of Nutrition and
Food Sciences
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dr. John Liston
Department of Food Science
College of Fisheries
University of Washington
Seattle, Washington 98105

Purpose and Activities:

The Committee was organized in 1960 through a contractual arrangement with the AIBS by request of the Biomedical and Environmental Research Division and Applied Technology Division (formerly Biology and Medicine and Isotopes Development, respectively). The initial purpose of the panel of experts was to provide advice and guidance to the aforementioned divisions for establishing a sound and effective program of research and development for determining the technical and commercial feasibility of processing selected foods with irradiation and the wholesomeness and acceptability of foods so treated for human consumption. With the program established, the Committee reviewed and evaluated the status of the many food irradiation projects sponsored by the Commission and provided written observations and recommendations concerning future program needs and directions. These reports were used by Division staff to more effectively administer the ongoing program and provided a broader technical basis for justifying future budgetary commitments.

Frequency of Meetings:

When first established, the Committee met generally semiannually, but Commission budgetary restraints since FY 1970 necessitated a reappraisal of divisional priorities and resulted in a marked diminution in the scope of the food irradiation program of both sponsoring divisions. Hence, the Committee has been convened only annually since then. The Committee membership has been allowed to drop from eight to three by not renewing or replacing expired memberships.

Person or Organization to which it Renders Service:

The Committee advises the Directors and staff of DBER and DAT.