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 From: Baird Whaley, Bio-Med Division
 Subject: Attached Inquiry

Nobody here can make enough sense out of these two pages to know how to respond, assuming that we could respond if we understood what was being requested.

It appears that the enclosed page of testimony or conversation, may be page 150 of volume 1 of some document that is referred to at item #4 on the other enclosure, which seems to be part of a subpoena of records.

Some of the basic research on thyroid uptake done by Dr. Hamilton was published in 1942 in the open literature. As Pat Durbin is off ill, I wasn't able to ask her if any of the old basic data is extant; it seems very unlikely. Nor is it probable that it would provide any information beyond what is available in the literature.

Jan DeMoor thought the enclosure might be referring to uptake studies done in individual patients during the 1950's, for medical diagnostic purposes; we still have those charts, but there are, of course, considerable problems in releasing that type of data. And that does not seem to tie in very well with what "Potter" states in the enclosed document.

Dr. Alpen thought that it might refer to some whole-body counts we did in our low-background chamber. Dr. Sargent says these took place in 1963 and involved thirteen hardrock miners referred to us by the AEC. We have had some of these individual records subpoenaed before. However, the date doesn't seem to fit the current request.

If we were even to decide whether we can respond, we would need a much better focussed request, and preferably also more background information. We are not anxious to launch a costly and time-consuming search through a large mass of records; we simply don't have the resources to do that. It would be nice if we heard nothing further about it.

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