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REQUEST FOR INTERVIEWS ON FALLOUT BY JOE MYLER OF UP AND STEVE GARWOOD, INS

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Pending a determination as to whether an official statement on fallout will be issued, we are faced with the problem of how to handle persistent requests for information or interviews. Joe Myler of the United Press requested an interview with Dr. Bugher on this subject some weeks ago, and has renewed his request on a number of occasions since. Myler is pressing for an interview with Bugher today. Steve Garwood of the International News Service has submitted a list of questions, and has been persistent in requesting that they be answered.

Myler will accept a limitation, if absolutely necessary, of an interview with Dr. Bugher on a non-attribution, background basis. We recommend Dr. Bugher talk to Myler on a non-attribution basis. Release of unissued information would be necessary to give a full answer to the questions submitted by Garwood, but we can prepare partial answers based on information already disclosed.

In both cases, and in future requests for interviews, guidance and background information on this sensitive subject, we propose telling news correspondents that we cannot answer some of their questions at this time; that the subject is under study and analysis and conclusions are expected to be published in the revision of the Weapons Effects handbook which must represent the considered views of physicists, biologists, geneticists, physicians and other experts.

If you concur, we will handle the requests in the manner outlined above.

cc: Dr. John C. Bugher, Director, Div. of Biology & Medicine
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