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Re: Collection of Information Relevant to Public Health
Effects in Utah of Radiation Fallout from Nuclear
Testing at the Nevada Site

Dear David:

As you probably know, my staff and I are participating in a cooperative state-federal review of past studies relative to the public health impact of fallout from atomic testing in Nevada and the formulation and implementation of further studies. In connection with that endeavor, I would like to determine what information relative to this subject may exist in the files and archives of various institutions within and without the state.

It seems to me that very likely sources of pertinent information exist within our state higher education system. Accordingly, I am requesting that you send a copy of this letter to the heads of your life sciences and physical sciences departments, as well as the college of medicine, and that you ask them to disseminate it as widely as possible among their faculties. This appears to be the best way to reach all those who may know of useful information. Our experience to date has shown that it is impossible to predict where such information may have been stored over the years and who may be aware of its existence.

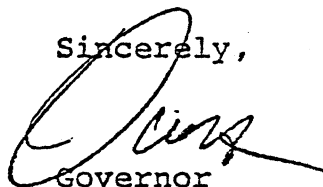
I would appreciate it if anyone who is aware of relevant information would send a detailed description of that information and its location to my office. We will be in contact to arrange for a further review.

Because the state-federal effort is moving ahead quickly, it is important that we determine the existence and availability

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of all pertinent documents and information as soon as possible.
Should you have any questions about the foregoing, please
feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Governor

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