

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Dwight A. Ink, Assistant General Manager
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FROM : *A. A. Wells*, Director
Division of International Affairs

DATE: OCT 31 1963

SUBJECT: JAPANESE INQUIRY REGARDING POSSIBLE RADIATION EXPOSURE
INJURY RECEIVED AT OAK RIDGE NATIONAL LABORATORY (ORNL)

At the October 29, 1963 Staff Meeting in your office we stated that we had been informally advised that the Oak Ridge National Laboratory had received a letter from the Japanese Atomic Energy Research Establishment (JAERI) in which it was alleged that Mr. Tokutaro Matsumoto, an employee of JAERI, had been exposed to damaging radiations while visiting ORNL on October 14, 1963. We have since received the text of the JAERI letter in question and have attached it for your information. As you will note from the letter, Mr. Matsumoto sensed what seemed to him to be symptoms of exposure to radiation which he believed could only have occurred at Oak Ridge, and wished for us to check our records to see if anything abnormal might have registered on the film badge which he wore during his visit.

The Oak Ridge National Laboratory has developed the film badge which he wore throughout his visit and found that it shows no detectable exposure. At our request, ORNL sent a telegram to JAERI informing them of this.

Attachment:
As stated