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August 27, 1965

Dr. G. D. Carlyle Thompson
Director of Public Health
State Department of Health
45 Fort Douglas Boulevard
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Dr. Thompson:

Enclosed is the announcement for release on September 16, as cleared by all directly concerned in this project. If you have any suggestions for further changes, please call me as soon as possible. I will call you if any last moment changes have to be made on our end.

My understanding of the release plan and related policies is as follows:

1. We will mail the release to our regular press list 2 days before the release date; i.e., September 14. If we receive inquiries from the press for more detailed technical information, we will utilize the background information sheets as primary sources. We will not distribute these background materials to the press, except on an individual "need to have" basis. A supply of the background statements will be sent to you next week.
2. You will use your customary release format and mail or otherwise distribute the same release to your local and State press list on September 14. My suggestion that we could provide you with a list of papers west of the Mississippi from our regular mailing list turns out to be not feasible.
3. We will not provide any dose estimates from PHS. If any of the press insists on such estimates we will refer them to the August 1963 JCAE hearings, or to AEC headquarters press office here.
4. All concerned should discourage any "outside" reporters or photographers who might want to go to St. George since this could be disruptive to the project. However, it is conceivable that one or more might insist. In the case of routine press interviews and photographs at St. George, Ed Weiss will act for the project. In the case of photographs of the children

being examined, NIH rules concerning photographs of study patients will have to be observed. I will provide operating procedures so that Mr. Weiss can observe the NIH protocol, with cooperation from the NIH investigating team. If more elaborate on-site press demands are made - such as by a national picture magazine or for TV film coverage - advance scheduling would be required and this would permit me to come out and handle it.

5. If any out of town press calls are received by the PHS team at St. George they will be referred back to you, or to my office according to Mr. Weiss' best judgment.

Please let me know if these procedures meet with your approval.

Sincerely yours,

Judson Hardy
Public Affairs Officer
Division of Radiological Health

Enclosures

cc:

Mr. Weiss

Mr. Johnson (NIH)

Mrs. Brocard (NID2)

Mr. Hartofsky (NLMD)