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General Jesus Olivares Baque  
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Madrid 3, Spain

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Dear General Olivares:

I understand that Mr. Philip Dean of our Lawrence Livermore Laboratory discussed with you, Sr. Pasqual and Dr. Iranzo, during the first week of December, our intention to form a small informal committee, probably three men, to oversee our participation in the Otero-Hall Agreement. This was prompted by assumption of many of the Atomic Energy Commission's responsibilities by the Energy Research and Development Administration and the departure to State Department of Dr. Bruner who, in the past, had been responsible for Headquarters' participation in Project Indalo.

I have now appointed three men to this Committee. They are:

Dr. Chester Richmond, Associate Director of Biomedical and Environmental Sciences, Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Dr. Richmond is a recognized authority in the field of plutonium toxicology and biomedical research on the other transuranic elements and the more common radioisotopes. He succeeded to the post of H-4 Division Leader at Los Alamos following the death of Dr. Wright Langham. In his present position he is able to provide entre to all the biomedical and environmental capabilities of the Oak Ridge Laboratories.

Mr. Philip N. Dean, staff member of the Biomedical and Environmental Research Division, Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, University of California. Mr. Dean is the leading exponent of chest counting and whole body counting in the U. S. and is currently developing a system for interlaboratory calibration of these systems. His previous experience at Los Alamos and now at Livermore qualifies him as an authority on the detection of low levels of radioisotopes, especially in vivo. He also brings to the Committee access to the biomedical research facilities and programs at Livermore.

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Dr. Martin Minthorn, a biochemist and biophysicist, is Deputy Manager of Biomedical Programs in the Division of Biomedical and Environmental Research, Headquarters, ERDA. In this position, he is acquainted with all programs in the U. S. relating to the work and interests of Project Indalo, and has administrative supervision and funding for all those supported by ERDA. Dr. Minthorn will be especially concerned with the administrative aspects of the Committee.

These three men have direct access to all the biomedical researches being carried on by ERDA, and elsewhere in the U. S., that are related to Project Indalo. In addition, they are strategically situated to provide contacts with ERDA personnel should other questions or situations arise. You should feel free to call upon them or myself.

I understand that you have in mind a similar arrangement and I shall be pleased to learn of your determination.

I look forward to meeting you and Senor Pasqual and I hope it may be in Washington and soon.

Sincerely,

Original signed by  
James L. Liverman

James L. Liverman, Director  
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