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RADIATION INCIDENT AT LASL

SYMBOL: ISP:CH

LeCompte called at 3:40 p.m., June 22, to report that in Bayou Canyon, during a radio experiment on June 21, a piece of blotting paper being used "blew around the room" and 10 persons, including a XIA janitor, were exposed to radiation.

Immediate checks at health center showed that none "needed medical attention", and all were within permissible limits. Pressed for details, LeCompte said two of the ten involved got the "maximum" dose and could not return to this particular work.

Neither LASL or ALOO will issue an announcement of this incident but will answer inquiries by confirming, and if necessary, giving names of persons involved. Most likely inquiry will come from the Sante Fe New Mexican reporter at Los Alamos.

This handling was approved after conference with you, Clark, and the above telephoned to Hahn in DMA.

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