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UNITED STATES
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

November 8, 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR : Mr. Strauss

SUBJECT : "Medical Survey of Marshallese Two Years After
Exposure to Fallout Radiation"

I have learned from Dr. Dunham that the attached subject document, which was prepared by Brookhaven National Laboratory and the Naval Medical Research Institute, has been distributed, through AEC channels, by Brookhaven, during the past ten days, as follows:--

100 copies (approximately) to various scientific institutions and medical persons throughout the U.S.

55 copies to AEC depository libraries in the U.S.

55 copies to AEC foreign depository libraries

19 copies to institutions in foreign countries with which AEC has exchanged medical agreements

13 copies to institutions in the U.S. with which AEC has exchanged agreements on medical subject matter

In addition, the following undistributed stocks are located as follows:--
(Yesterday, upon learning of this matter, I asked that no distribution be made of these until further notice from this office)

200 copies at the Office of Technical Service, Dept. of Commerce, for public sale

152 copies being held at BNL for standard distribution to all interested laboratories, plants, and contract study groups within AEC and DoD

100 copies in AEC stock at Oak Ridge.

The subject booklet is a sequel to "Some Effects of Ionizing Radiation on Human Beings," in that it reports a medical survey of the same Marshallese two years after exposure to fallout radiation.

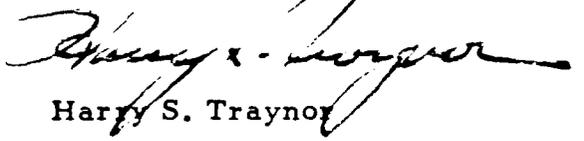
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The subject sequel booklet was reviewed on September 18, 1956, by the Div. of Information Services, at the request of the Div. of Biology & Medicine, and some changes were made in the draft of the text as a result of this review. At the time the first booklet ("Some Effects of Ionizing Radiation on Human Beings") was submitted to you, on October 17, 1956, for final approval, neither the Director of Information Services nor the Director of Biology & Medicine, unfortunately, recalled having cleared the sequel to it approximately one month earlier; and, consequently, no steps were taken at that time to hold its publication and distribution in abeyance.

Inasmuch as the subject sequel booklet contains reference to the first booklet ("Some Effects of Ionizing Radiation on Human Beings"), I suggest that the first booklet now be approved and released for normal AEC distribution and public sale by the Superintendent of Documents; and that permission be given to complete normal AEC distribution of the sequel booklet and place it on sale at the Department of Commerce. This seems to me a better course than to risk criticism by holding in abeyance the distribution of either booklet.

Normally, a booklet as comprehensive as "Some Effects of Ionizing Radiation on Human Beings" would be sent to the Joint Committee by appropriate letter. If we do not do this in this case, we may be subject to criticism for not keeping the Committee fully and currently informed. Therefore, I also suggest that in about one week from today we send a letter to the JCAE, calling their attention to the publication of both booklets and attaching copies. I am attaching a suggested letter in this regard.

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