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AIR MAIL

February 5, 1954

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Dear Mr. Brower:

Thanks very much for your letter of February 1, 1954 enclosing the summary notes and list of people attending the meetings of January 13.

I think it is rather unfortunate that the release from Dr. Spendlove following the Tuesday meeting in Salt Lake City got into the press. I doubt that this actually represents Dr. Spendlove's opinion or that he made the statements that were attributed to him. He sent me a copy of the letter that he wrote Congressman Stringfellow, and in this letter he said he was in full agreement with the findings and conclusions of the Atomic Energy Commission report. I feel sure that Dr. Spendlove would be glad to make a copy of this letter available to you, and I think it might be well if this information could be conveyed to the sheepmen.

I believe that the reports mentioned by the sheepmen and referred to in paragraph four of your letter are reports by Dr. Thompsett and Col. Veenstra rather than the report of Dr. Wolff. I am sending you a copy of a report which was made after the sheep having the beta lesions were examined at Los Alamos. This statement was concurred in and signed by Dr. Thompsett and I am confident that it reflects his best judgment and opinion. While this copy is marked for "Official Use Only" it can be made available to the sheepmen who have asked for it, but it should not be distributed to the press.

I am working on obtaining a copy of Dr. Veenstra's report on an unclassified basis which can be made available to the sheepmen.

I will appreciate hearing from you if there are any new developments or reactions by the sheepmen.

Sincerely yours,

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