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Letter 7/2/54
 via Chairman's signature

Dear Monte:

Thank you for your letter of May 12, 1954 concerning the tung oil and ointment which was forwarded to Dr. John C. Bugher, Director of the Division of Biology and Medicine.

Though the shipment reached the Commission at an early date, none of the ointment was used on those who experienced radiation injury in the recent Pacific tests. Members of our Medical Staff were reluctant to recommend use of the tung oil preparation because of possible resultant dermatitis. The Medical Staff informs me that occupational tung oil dermatitis is fairly well-known.

After receipt of the ointment there was not sufficient time to conduct laboratory tests before initial treatment of the patients. Our Medical Staff, however, during the past few weeks, has had the tung oil ointment under discussion with dermatologists and is referring the matter to the Committee on Cancer Diagnosis and Therapy of the National Research Council.

I will certainly keep you informed of any results which might be forthcoming and with every good wish I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Chairman

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