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Honorable Leonard E. Hall
House Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Congressman Hall:

Reference is made to your letter of June 6 concerning a hospital facility at Brookhaven, Long Island.

At the present time, at Brookhaven National Laboratory, there are three reconditioned wings of the former Army hospital which provide a total of 42 beds. One wing, containing 14 beds, is regarded as being primarily for the medical care proper for use of personnel working at Brookhaven. Charges for hospitalization service are comparable to those charges made by private hospitals in the vicinity of Brookhaven. Average occupancy for the 14 beds has been 6 to 8 patients per day. It is anticipated that the increase in the total personnel at Brookhaven will increase the demand for general hospital facilities and services which cannot adequately be cared for by available hospital facilities other than those at Brookhaven.

The remaining 28 beds are available for research in the fields of investigative and therapeutic uses of nuclear energy. Advances in this field will stimulate the demand for patient beds by physicians on the staffs of universities and hospitals throughout the northeast portion of the United States. Seven cancer patients are now in the hospital.

The cost of the reconditioning of the former Army hospital was approximately \$190,000. It is anticipated that an additional expense of approximately \$25,000 will be necessary to provide hospital kitchen facilities during the ensuing fiscal year.

Preliminary investigation has been made by the Brookhaven National Laboratory officials for a new hospital building devoted primarily for research in investigative and therapeutic uses of nuclear energy. However, no money has been budgeted to date for such a hospital.

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Additional information concerning the hospital facilities at Brookhaven will be supplied at your request.

Sincerely yours,

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