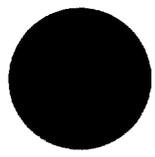


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MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Elmer B. Staats  
Executive Officer  
Operations Coordinating Board

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SUBJECT: Forthcoming AEC Medical Publication

The Atomic Energy Commission has approved two medical publications having to do with effects of atomic explosions and radiation direct or from fallout on the Japanese in 1945 and the Marshallese in 1954. One publication is a book in the national nuclear energy series entitled "Medical Effects of Atomic Bombs", Report of the Joint Commission for the Investigation of the Effects of the Atomic Bomb in Japan. The second publication is a volume summing up the results of studies on human beings accidentally exposed to significant fallout radiation. It has to do with the clinical experience of the Marshallese exposed following the March 1, 1954 shot.

You will remember that the Commission in a press release of March 15, 1955, stated that "medical and biologic information developed by its scientists on the effects of nuclear radiation blasts, flash burns and fallout is made public as rapidly as it can be properly evaluated and correlated. It is the Commission's long-standing policy that the American people and medical science should be informed, as rapidly as possible, of the biomedical aspects of atomic energy."

I think you will want to inform the Board of the Commission's plans for the early publication of these two books, but since we are publicly committed to their issuance, it is <sup>not</sup> our thought that they need to be reviewed by the Operations Coordinating Board.

*see memo 10-7-55*

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