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Dear Dr. Bugher:

Sometime in September the Embassy received the enclosed paper by three physicians of Tokyo hospitals with the remark that the fateful results of this investigation would be kept confidential from the general public. However, during the early part of December there appeared in the Tokyo Mainichi a most emotional article, a copy of which is enclosed. Reference is made to Embassy telegram TOUSI 158 dated December 10, 1954 and answer USITO 152 dated December 15, 1954. We have since heard from a reliable source that Dr. Tsuzuki is responsible for the Mainichi article and intends to place items, keeping this thought awake in people's eyes, into the foreign language papers for sometime to come. It looks therefore as if Dr. Tsuzuki will continue to reopen the very wounds which we hoped had been healed by the recent radiation conference.

As far as the circumstances of the assertions of the Japanese is concerned there seems to be little doubt that sterility is just one more consequence of exposure to radiation and that normal spermatogenesis will be resumed as other bodily functions return to normalcy. On the other hand when the situation is complicated by a liver involvement then, restoration of normal fertility may be very greatly delayed. The most famous example of return of normal fertility was told me by Dr. Shipman, Head of the H Division, Los Alamos, of the Head of J Division whose name unfortunately I cannot recall. This gentleman as you of course know was caught in the one serious accident at Los Alamos during the war. I understand that he received a dose much larger than that of the Fukuryu Maru crew or of the Ronjelap natives. Although he was very ill for more than a year he is now completely restored and has fathered two children since.

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I wonder if it would be possible for you to procure for me reprints or photostats of such scientific publications which will back up the above view that sterility suffered in less than fatal radiation exposure is only temporary. We might then use such reprints for a subtle and, of course, completely indirect move or refutation.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

*Otto Laporte*

Otto Laporte  
Science Attache

Enclosures:

- (1) Paper on sterility  
with Table.
- (2) Clipping from Tokyo  
Mainichi, Dec. 10, 1954.

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