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Dear Mr. Strauss:

The Weapons Systems Evaluation Group is making a study of the effects of radiological fallout resulting from the use of nuclear weapons in military operations. In this study the effects of radiation and bomb debris on human beings are of great importance.

Dr. Walter Claus and other members of the Division of Biology and Medicine of the Atomic Energy Commission have already been very helpful in consultation on problems arising in this work, particularly by providing recent information coming from the National Laboratories and from AEC contract research.

It now appears that more extensive assistance will be needed. The Weapons Systems Evaluation Group must have the most recent information on probable effects of nuclear radiations on human beings. It would be very much appreciated if the Atomic Energy Commission would authorize Dr. Claus and his group to prepare a report on this matter for the Weapons Systems Evaluation Group.

Sincerely yours,

W. M. Holaday
For. C. C. Furnas

Honorable Lewis L. Strauss
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