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Dear Bill:

Seeing Roger McClellan's letter on the TTG reminds me that I have not sent along my comments. I believe that your draft is quite reasonable and I have only two comments.

In the discussion about contamination of urine samples with soil I had considered that the soil activity would resemble worldwide fallout and that such contamination would show up in the activity ratios in the urine. If the soil has the composition given in Conard's report this would not be true and even using my values it would not be very striking. I think this possibility is definitely wiped out.

I find it incredible that there are not reasonable estimates of exposure to airborne plutonium for the present inhabitants. The values in Table VII of Conard's paper are incredible to me since they are only one fifth of what we find in New York. Incidentally I also disagree with the MPC in that table. My figure would be 20 f/m³ for insoluble plutonium in the population.

Sincerely,


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