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Honorable Clinton P. Anderson  
 Chairman  
 Joint Committee on Atomic Energy  
 Congress of the United States

Dear Senator Anderson:

In connection with the WIGWAM operation, the Division of Biology and Medicine established a system for the monitoring of commercial fish under the direction of Dr. Willie E. Boss, of the Biology Branch. All shipments of fish, shark livers and shark fins brought to the West Coast from the general region off California and Mexico were monitored by the installation of automatic devices operating on conveyor lines and hand monitoring at other points of the process line. From May 12 to June 23 a total of over 20 million pounds of fish has been monitored as shown by the following table:

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Type	Locations Monitored		Total
	San Francisco, Los Angeles	San Diego	
Salmon	20,500 lbs	0	20,500 lbs.
Shark Livers	1,000,000 "	11,000 "	1,011,000 "
Shark Fins	21,000 "	0	21,000 "
Shark	3,000 "	0	3,000 "
Shark	10,000,000 "	4,000,000 "	14,000,000 "
Shark	8,300,000 lbs. (Shark livers that not monitored after August 1955)	1,500,000 "	10,800,000 "
Shark	2,000,000 lbs. (Shark livers that not monitored)	0	2,000,000 "
Total			20,318,500 "

Hand monitoring was discontinued on July 7 and the automatic monitoring will be terminated in August 1955. We estimate that by the time the operation is finished we will have monitored approximately 55 million pounds of fish.

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OFFICE	DIR B&M	DR BOSS B&M	GEN MGR	CX-C	CHP
TURNNAME	COB	web		web	CHP
DATE	6/12/55	7/12/55		7/15/55	7/13

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No radioactive fish from the HIWAKI area have been encountered to date. Four fish in a shipment from Japan were found to be slightly radioactive from the CASTLE operation and are now being subjected to careful radiochemical analysis.

Sincerely yours,

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E. E. Fields  
General Manager

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