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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. R. Rogers, Chief, Radiation Safety Branch  
Division of Licensing and Regulation

DATE: DEC 9 1959

FROM : L. D. Low, Chief, Materials Inspection Branch  
Division of Inspection

SUBJECT: (b)(6) FORMER EMPLOYEE, THE ANACONDA COMPANY, GRANTS,  
NEW MEXICO, LICENSE NO. R-138, 10 CFR 40

SYMBOL: INS:EGO

By memorandum dated September 9, 1958, you requested that inquiry be made in connection with an alleged radiation exposure of subject individual. This had come to your attention through a letter received by AEC from the Old Security Life Insurance Company, which firm had received a claim from (b)(6) relative to his employment with the Anaconda Company.

There is enclosed a copy of a memorandum dated November 3, 1959, together with the attachments as referenced below, which represents the results of an inquiry made by the ID Inspection Division with respect to the alleged exposure. Among other things, this report shows that:

1. (b)(6) was hired by the Anaconda Company in (b)(6). His last date of employment was in (b)(6). Earlier in (b)(6) he was (b)(6).
2. (b)(6) was on (b)(6) during which time he was again (b)(6).
3. By letter of June 10, 1957, Mr. A. D. Mason, Attorney-at-Law, advised the Anaconda Company that (b)(6) was informed by doctors that he had been (b)(6).
4. (b)(6) has not filed a claim with the New Mexico Workmen's Compensation Commission, nor has his (b)(6) instituted legal action against the Anaconda Company.
5. Anaconda's insurance carrier, Travelers Insurance Company, made a complete investigation of the case for AEC. ID was contacted in connection with this comment and they advised by memorandum of November 23, 1959, that they had been misinformed by Anaconda in this regard.

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TO : Ellyson G. Outten, Division of  
Inspection, AEC Headquarters

DATE: November 23, 1959

FROM : Willis B. Johnston, Inspector, Div. of Licensee Inspection  
Idaho Operations Office

SUBJECT: (b)(6) *See attached*  
CASE INVOLVING ANACONDA COMPANY, GRANTS, NEW MEXICO

SYMBOL: LI:WBJ

You will find enclosed a copy of a letter from Mr. Ralph M. Wilde, Industrial Radiological Engineer for the Anaconda Company at Grants, New Mexico. Included also is additional information on the (b)(6) case with Mr. Wilde discovered subsequent to my original contact with him concerning the case.

During a telephone conversation on November 12, 1959, Mr. Wilde stated that he had been mistaken concerning an investigation by Traveler's Insurance Company of this case for the AEC. According to Mr. Wilde, such an investigation was not made for the AEC. I hope that this clears up any misinformation which appeared in my memo of 11/3/59.

If we can be of any further service to you, please feel free to contact this office.

✓ Enclosure:  
As stated above

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THE ANACONDA COMPANY  
New Mexico Operations  
P. O. Box 638, Grants, New Mexico

ANACONDA

November 13, 1959

Dr. W. B. Johnston, Inspector  
Division of Licensee Inspection  
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission  
Idaho Operations Office  
P. O. Box 2108  
Idaho Falls, Idaho

Dear Bill:

In response to our telephone conversation of November 12, 1959, concerning the alleged uranium poisoning of (b)(6) I am enclosing a copy of a letter from the files of our workmen's compensation carrier, The Travelers Insurance Company.

This letter is from Mr. Joseph L. Smith of an Albuquerque law firm and threatens suit against the Anaconda Company and The Travelers Insurance Company for compensation to (b)(6). However, Mr. Sholer of The Travelers Insurance Company informed the law firm of the true facts of this case and no action was taken.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Very truly yours,

Ralph M. Wilde  
Industrial Radiological Engineer

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Enclosure (1)

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You will note that the report of the ID Inspection Division requests that the information provided by the Anaconda Company be considered as "Company Confidential."

In view of the foregoing information, we do not believe that further inquiry is necessary.

Enclosures:

1. Copy memo fm W. Johnston,  
to E. G. Outten dtd 11/23/59
2. Copy ltr fm R. M. Wilde to  
W. Johnston dtd 11/13/59
3. Copy memo fm W. Johnston to  
E. G. Outten dtd 11/3/59
4. Copy ltr fm R. M. Wilde to  
W. Johnston dtd 10/15/59
5. Copy ltr fm J. Smith to  
Travelers Ins. Co. dtd 5/28/58
6. Copy ltr fm J. O. Marshall to  
A. J. Fitch dtd 7/15/57
7. Copy ltr fm Anaconda to  
Iden & Johnson dtd 6/15/57
8. Copy ltr fm A. D. Mason to  
Anaconda dtd 6/10/57
9. Copy ltr fm Univ. of Okla.  
to Anaconda dtd 4/10/57
10. Copy ltr fm (b)(6) to  
Anaconda dtd 3/16/57
11. Copy ltr fm (b)(6) to  
(b)(6) dtd 3/28/56
12. Copy ltr fm (b)(6) to  
B. L. Wang dtd 3/26/56
13. Copy ltr fm (b)(6) to  
(b)(6) dtd 2/9/56

CC: C. F. Eason, GC, w/encl.  
D. I. Walker, ID, w/o encl.

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has now filed its claim with the approval of the Compensation Commission of New Mexico.

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9. (b)(6) has taken no known legal action against the Anaconda Company for alleged (b)(6) contracts with (b)(6).
10. Anaconda Company's insurance carrier, Travelers Insurance Company, made a complete investigation of the (b)(6) case for the AEC.

Attached to this memo you will find a letter dated October 15, 1959, from Ralph Wilde to me, discussing briefly some of the more pertinent correspondence concerning this case. Included, also, is the enclosure Mr. Wilde discusses. You will note that Mr. Wilde has included only that correspondence which, in his opinion, is most pertinent to the case. If you feel that additional information is necessary, please contact this office, and we will arrange to obtain the information.

As you will note, I have marked the enclosure as "Company Confidential." It is the opinion of this office that this information should remain confidential within the AEC. We do not feel that we wish to run the risk of gathering information for private, state or Federal agencies (other than AEC) and maintain a working relationship with our clients.

It should be further noted that the alleged exposure occurred prior to the advent of the Federal Regulations which now govern such activities.

The Anaconda Company survey records divulge the fact that no surveys were made for either external radiation or airborne radioactive contamination prior to November, 1956.

Enclosure:  
Ltr dtd 10/15/59 from  
Ralph Wilde to W. E. Johnston  
with enclosures

P. O. Box 530 Grants, New Mexico

ANACONDA

October 17, 1959

Dear Mr. [redacted]:  
Inspector  
Division of Mine and Inspection  
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission  
State Operations Office  
1200 [redacted]  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to our letter, the subject of which is [redacted] concerning the [redacted] uranium possession of [redacted] in which you advised that you had documents from our files. These copies are enclosed and are numbered as follows:

1. Correspondence dated 9/5/56, 3/25/56 and 3/22/56 between [redacted] and [redacted] relative to [redacted] [redacted]

2. Letter dated 3/10/57 to The Anaconda Company from [redacted]

3. Letter dated 4/20/57 to Mr. F. L. Cook, Assistant General Manager, The Anaconda Company, from [redacted]

4. Letter dated 5/10/57 to The Anaconda Company from [redacted] Attorney at Law.

5. Letter dated 5/15/57 to [redacted] Attorneys and Counselors at Law, from [redacted] B. Steinberg, Chief Clerk, The Anaconda Company.

6. Memorandum dated 7/15/57 to A. J. [redacted] Manager, The Anaconda Company, from [redacted] O. Marshall, [redacted] Engineer, The Anaconda Company.

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... was made during the period January 1977 to January 1977.

(b)(6)

... was made for (b)(6)

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... and the ... who have treated the ...

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

Enclosures 5 and 6 are personal employment histories prepared by employees of The Anstoria Company.

(b)(6)

I have contacted our Workmen's Compensation carrier, The Travelers Insurance Company, and was informed by B. W. ... that no record has ever been taken against the ... Company by (b)(6)

(b)(6)

... However, I believe that these enclosures are most pertinent to the ...

(b)(6)

Very truly yours,

Ralph H. ...  
Industrial Radiological ...

- Mr. J. J. ...
- Mr. ... Peterson
- Mr. ... Jr. (w/o encl.)
- Mr. ... (w/o encl.)

Enclosures (5)

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Law Offices  
Joseph L. Smith  
Henry A. Kiker, Jr.  
Waldo Spiess  
Oscar H. Beasley  
Patricio S. Sanchez

May 28, 1958

Mr. B. J. Sholer  
District Adjuster  
The Travelers  
117 Amherst Drive, SE  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Re: The Anaconda Co.

(b)(6)

Dear Mr. Sholer:

Thank you for your letter of May 27.

Briefly, the facts in connection with my client's claim are that he was employed by the Anaconda Company at Grants, New Mexico, (b)(6) working in the Yellow Cake Department of the uranium mill. He was constantly in contact with ammonia, acids and uranium in both wet and dry form. His work was in connection with the finished product of the plant.

He was given a rigid physical examination when he was employed, including X-ray examination. In (b)(6)

he (b)(6)

(b)(6)

He was (b)(6)

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

He has

been (b)(6)

(b)(6)

This claim apparently comes within the purview of the Occupational Disease Act.

Mr. B. J. Sholer -2

May 28, 1958

Since the correspondence which has been forwarded me by (b)(6) indicates that he was held in extremely high regard by your insured, I felt that an amicable compromise might be worked out if your investigation of the facts substantiates the statements above recounted. I have not taken the matter up with (b)(6) the company's physician, but have little doubt that he will corroborate the statement that he was unable to arrive at a diagnosis and that (b)(6) (b)(6) was reasonably led to believe that compensation would be paid him.

I will proceed to file suit in his behalf in the immediate future unless you feel that payment will be made in accordance with the facts.

Thanking you for your early attention to this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

/s/  
Joseph L. Smith

JLS/krq

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MEMORANDUM TO: A. J. Fitch, Manager

July 15, 1957

SUBJECT : Personal History of

(b)(6)

Badge

(b)(6)

(b)(6) Report - continued)

(b)(6)

May 24, 1957 -

date of letter from (b)(6) to F. G. Holmberg, wherein she states that (b)(6)

(b)(6)

There has accumulated quite a large file of correspondence on this case, especially concerning the Group Hospital and Medical Insurance. It is sufficient to say that the New York Life, Insurance Company has accepted the reports of the and hospitals involved, and that this is a (b)(6) because they have paid and are paying all claims.

Our personal record of (b)(6) shows that (b)(6) was born (b)(6) at (b)(6) he attended school (b)(6) he has had no military services, and (b)(6) and they have (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Since (b)(6) he has lived at the following places: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

During this time, he has worked for (b)(6) as (b)(6) type of work. Most of this work has been with (b)(6)

To our knowledge he has never been arrested.

Respectfully submitted,

James O. Marshall, Safety Engineer

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#2 - Ltr dtd 8/26/56, (b)(6)

#3 - Ltr dtd -- /57

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Mr. [Name] [Address]  
[Address]  
[Address]

(b)(6)

in [City]

We are still waiting for final information on this matter and  
your kind response.

Enclosed in this may be [Name] [Address] [City] [State] [Zip]  
[Name] [Address] [City] [State] [Zip]  
[Name] [Address] [City] [State] [Zip]  
[Name] [Address] [City] [State] [Zip]  
[Name] [Address] [City] [State] [Zip]  
[Name] [Address] [City] [State] [Zip]

Very truly yours,  
[Name]

[Name]  
[Title]

[Name]  
[Address]  
[City] [State] [Zip]

[Name]  
[Address]

A. D. MASON  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
EQUITY AND REAL ESTATE  
BIRTH AND WEDDINGS  
THURSDAY, OKLAHOMA

Anasconda Copper Mining Co.  
Grants, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

(b)(6) who was employed by you, from (b)(6)  
has employed me to handle a

(b)(6)

*A. D. Mason*  
A. D. MASON

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THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA  
MEDICAL CENTER

1600 NORTHEAST THIRTIETH STREET  
OKLAHOMA CITY 4, OKLAHOMA

April 10, 1957

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Mr. J. E. Cook, Asst. Manager  
The Anaconda Company  
New Mexico Operations  
Box 638  
Grants, New Mexico

Ref: (b)(6)  
Hoop: (b)(6)

Dear Mr. Cook:

We have been requested by (b)(6) to provide you with

(b)(6) (b)(6)  
(b)(6)

(b)(6)

It was placed on (b)(6)  
(b)(6)

We hope this information will be of value to you.

Sincerely,  
(b)(6)

(b)(6)

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LOVELACE CLINIC  
4300 Gibson Boulevard SE  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

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March 26, 1956

(b)(6)

Anaconda Bluewater Clinic  
Grants, New Mexico

Re: (b)(6)

Dear (b)(6):

Your (b)(6) of Grants, New Mexico, employed by the  
Anaconda Copper Company was (b)(6) At this  
time he (b)(6)

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Thank you very much for referring this case to us.

Very truly yours,

(b)(6)

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February 9, 1959

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
1000 ...  
Washington, D. C.

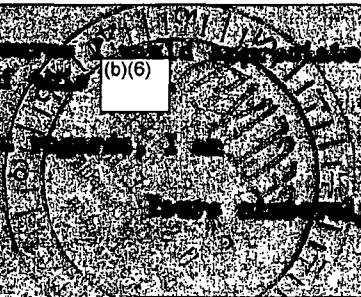
Reference: (b)(6)

Dear Sir:  
[Redacted]

[Redacted]

In the event you have any questions regarding this  
matter, please contact the undersigned at (b)(6)

Very truly yours,  
[Redacted]



(b)(6)

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