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Mr. Hubert Miller, Director
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Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
US NRC
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Miller:

I have just received NUREG-0511, Vol.1, and, in initial "browsing" have the following questions:

1. On page 26, Table 6 states the "Health Effects" from milling - (1978 to 3000, premature deaths) to be 57-142 (114). Even with the footnote "f" i have difficulty interpreting the "57-142 (114)." Could you please explain that to me?

2. Is the above statistic taking into account the "Jordan Memorandum" in which it is revealed that "the releases of radon gas from the nuclear fuel cycle had been 100,000 times too low"? (quoting from SHUT DOWN by Drs. Gofman and Sternglass) That memo is dated 1977; your report appears in 1979.

3. In a slide show I saw a slide of a water truck carrying potable water from Albuquerque to the Indians living in the vicinity of a uranium mining operation. I didn't catch the name of the operation, but the slide is real, and the local water is contaminated from radioactivity. On page 2-4 there is the sentence, "In no case examined was evidence obtained indicating contamination above the EPA Drinking Water Standards for radionuclides." I am certain this is not true (unless you can reassure me), because it is 70 miles from Albuquerque to this mining operation and no profit-making outfit would tote water that far unless it had to.

Sincerely,

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