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Mr. Joseph Ward  
Chief, Radiologic Health Section  
Department of Health Services  
714 P. Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Ward,

It has come to my attention that there is an old radioactive waste dump located in a residential neighborhood within my district. This material was apparently buried in plastic bags under eight feet of dirt. Wastes are no longer being deposited on this site. I also understand that there are water wells about one mile downstream from this dump.

Efforts by local environmentalists to obtain radiological monitoring records for these wells have been unsuccessful. It appears that the wells have not been routinely monitored for radioactivity, despite the proximity of the radioactive waste dump. This situation may exist because few, if any, of the agencies which might do such monitoring were aware of the existence of this dumpsite.

The dump is located on the Veterans Administration property in Brentwood, parallel to the 400 block of Barrington Avenue and approximately 500 yards from the Veterans Administration's property line. The dumpsite is marked "X" on the enclosed well map. Downstream wells appear on the map as circles with a letter and a number identifying a particular well.

I am writing to request that radiological monitoring of these water wells be undertaken, with special attention to the specific radioisotopes most likely to be present.

Thank you for your attention to this request. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

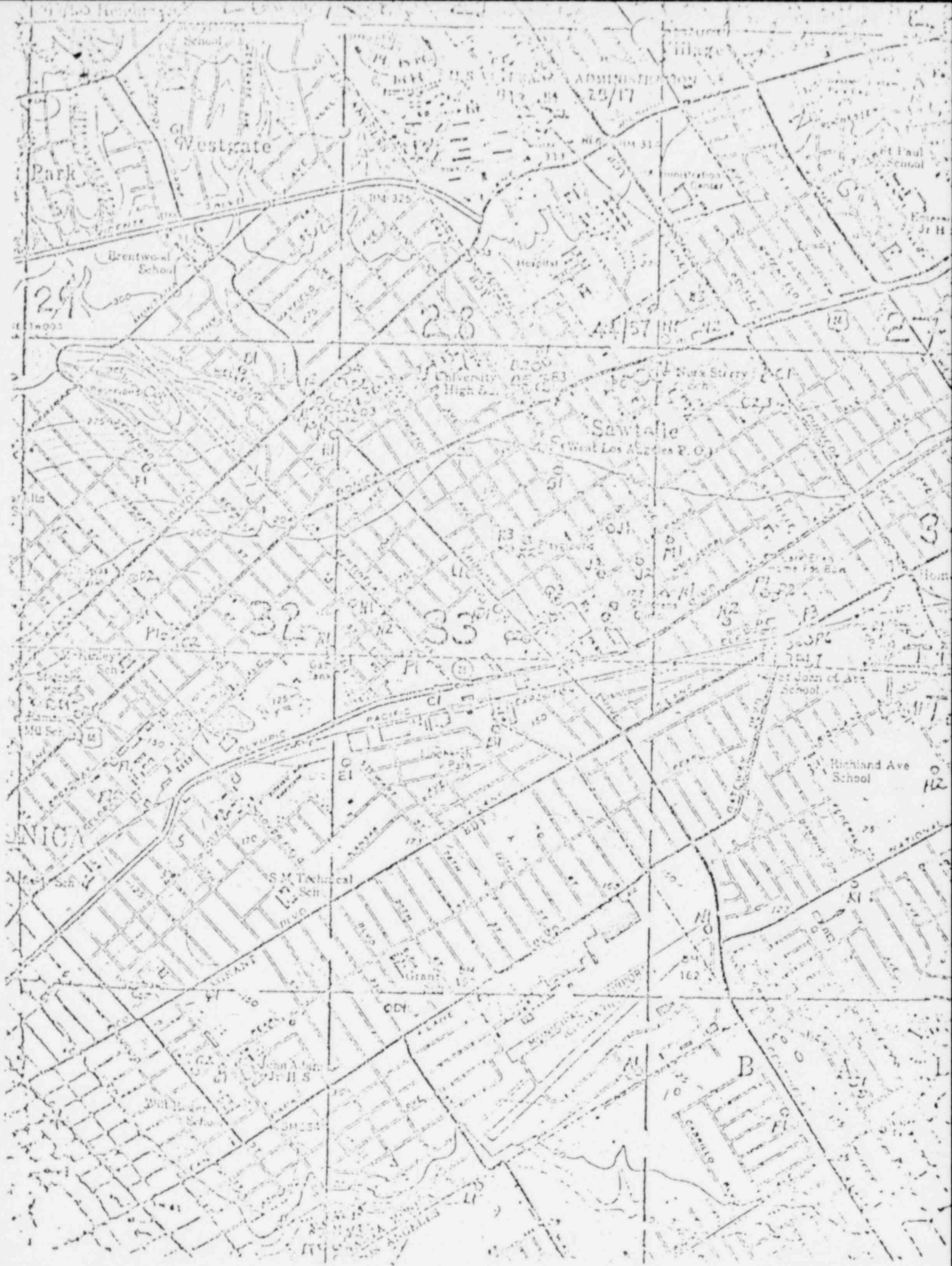
Yours sincerely,

ALAN SIEROTY

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Year end I-125 Inventory 12-31-80

| Lot # | # of seeds | as of 12-31-80       |         |
|-------|------------|----------------------|---------|
|       |            | Radioactivity / seed | Total   |
| 101   | 32         | .12                  | 3.9 mCi |
| 102   | 10         | .15 mCi              | 1.5 mCi |
| 103   | 1          | .27                  | .27     |
|       | 43         |                      | 5.7 mCi |

Inventory 3-31-81

| as of 12-31-80 |    |     |         |
|----------------|----|-----|---------|
| 101            | 32 | .12 | 3.9 mCi |
| 102            | 10 | .15 | 1.5 mCi |
| 103            | 1  | .27 | .27 mCi |
|                |    |     | 5.7     |

Inventory 6-30-81

| as of 12-31 |         |              |               |
|-------------|---------|--------------|---------------|
| Lot # 101   | 32 seed | .12 mCi/seed | 3.9 mCi       |
| 102         | 10      | .15 mCi/seed | 1.5 mCi       |
| 103         | 1       | .27 mCi/seed | .27 mCi       |
|             | 43 seed |              | 5.7 mCi       |
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|             |         |              | 0.7 mCi       |
|             |         |              | as of 6-30-81 |