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December 12, 1992

Dr. Carl Faperiello Team Leader Incident Investigation Team Nuclear Regulatory Commission Mailstop MNBB 5720 Washington DC 20555

Dear Dr. Paperiello

Enclosed please find the 3 items that you requested regarding the incident on 12/7/92 at the Greater Pittsburgh Cancer Center:

Wipe test results performed by Omnitron Corp Film badge results for the following personnel 2. ... Radiological Physicist

. Physician ... Technologist Patient Dose Assessment for Patient

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Sincerely, mitchel

Mitchell J Jafosz Jr Senior Radiological Physicist Greater Pittsburgh Cancer Center Act, exemptions 1145 Bower Hill Road Pittsburgh PA 15243

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DOSE ESTIMATE FOR HDR PATIENT

On 12/7/92, an HDR patient was being treated for a lung carcinoma using the Omnitron 2000 HDR unit at the Greater Pittsburgh Cancer Center.

Following successful completion of her treatment at approximately 3:52 P.M., the source wire in the Omnitron 2000 HDR (High Dose Rate) Afterloader broke near the quick-disconnect of the afterloader. The source was trapped in the plastic catheter near the afterloader, not in the patient. The source was approximately the afterloader, not in the patient. The source was approximately 2.0 cm from the quick-disconnect and 15" or 38.1 cm from the 2.0 cm from the quick-disconnect and 15" or 38.1 cm from the curies. The activity of the Ir-192 source on 12/7/92 was 3.477 Datient. The activity of the Ir-192 source from the source was 30 seconds.

The catheter was cut and the patient removed from the treatment room. Patient was surveyed with a 410 Victoreen GM meter and no radiation was present from patient. Patient was examined by Dr. Roger Tokars.

The exposure estimate to the above patient is:

4.66 <u>R-cm</u> X 3477 mCi X 0.5 min X <u>1 hr</u> X <u>1</u> hr-mCi (38.1 cm)²

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December 14, 1992

Daniel Flynn, M.D. Department of Radiation Medicine Massachusetts General Hospital Boston, MA 02114

Dear Dr. Flynn:

As we discussed on Friday afternoon, December 11, 1992, our laboratory has now completed cytogenetic evaluations of radiation-induced chromosome aberrations in cultured lymphocytes from the six persons considered to have been at the greatest potential risk for exposure to the medical source of iridium 192. The observed frequencies of dicentric chromosomes ranged from 1 to 3 dicentrics in the 500 metaphase samples from these cultures. In persons who have had no exposure other than background, we expect to see on average about 1 dicentric per 500 cells scored. Taking into account statistical uncertainty, our observations of 1, 2, or 3 dicentrics in a sample of 500 cells from cultures from any of the six persons cannot be considered statistically different from background. For this reason, it is not possible for us to produce a precise estimate of the dose that any individual may have received. However, if we look at the set of data from the six persons as a whole, we observed a total of 13 dicentric chromosomes in 3,000 metaphases, where we would have expected to have observed on average 6 dicentrics in 3,000 metaphases. Thus, our data provide evidence that the group as a whole did indeed receive an exposure in excess of background (cytogenetic dose estimate is ~6 rad for the group). Also, because of the exposure scenario, it is likely that each of these persons was exposed, albeit in some instances briefly, to the radiation source. Thus, we calculated a point estimate of dose for each person, although these estimates have large statistical uncertainties. I am also providing you with information on the 90% confidence intervals for these dose estimates, which describe the upper limits of doses that these persons may have received.

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I am providing reports for each person individually in the event that any one should want a copy of their own report. Because dicentric frequencies were



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so similar in all six persons, my explanatory comments are virtually identical on the six reports. If you should have any further questions regarding these findings, please do not hesitate to call.

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Sincerely,

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L. Gayle Littlefield, Ph.D. Director, Cytogenetics Laboratory

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cc: Dr. Shirley Fry, ORISE Dr. Fun Fong, ORISE Dr. Robert Ricks, ORISE Ms Cynthia Jones, NRC

TO: Dr. Shirley Fry	DATE: December 11, 1992
Copies to: Drs. Fong. Ricks, and Berger; A. Sipe; G. Joiner; RRF	File
SUBJECT NAME: (10/10/67)	REAC/TS ACCIDENT # _1392.0001
Referring Physician: <u>Dr. Daniel Flynn</u> Address/Telephone <u>Massachusetts</u> (617) 726-8150	<u>s General Hospital, Boston, MA</u>
Site of Sample Collection: ORAU Other Scenery Hill Manor, Ind	iana, P.A. P.M., 12/3/92
Sample Transit: Via Hand Carried Transit Time ~ 6 hrs Culture Date	<u>12/04/92</u>
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<u>culture Data:</u> The condition of accessible blood was excellent and showed no evidence of hemolysis. Her white blood count was 15,379 per mm³, with 36% lymphocytes. **Second blood showed hold blood growth and** exhibited only 5% second-divisions at 47-hr harvest. Thus her slides were stained with routine methods for evaluation of radiation-induced chromosome aberrations in first-division lymphocyte metaphases.

RESULTS AND COMMENTS ON CYTOGENETIC ANALYSES

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* estimate of "equivalent" dose to whole body for <u>iridium 192 gamma rays</u>, coefficients of $\gamma = .002$, $\alpha = 3.2 \times 10^4$ and $\beta = 6.1 \times 10^4$ dicentrics/cell/rad used in dose calculations.

COMMENTS: We have completed cytogenetic evaluations of 500 first-division metaphases from 47-hr lymphocyte cultures established from blood samples from We observed a total of 1 dicentric chromosome for a dicentric/cell frequency of .002. It should be noted that dicentric frequencies of about one dicentric per 500 lymphocyte metaphases are routinely observed in lymphocyte cultures from persons having no known exposures to radiation other than that due to background radiation. Because the dicentric frequency in Cultures is the same as background, it is not possible for us to give a precise accurate estimate of any radiation dose she may have received; however, taking into account statistical uncertainty associated with this test, we are 90% confident that her exposure could not have exceeded an upper limit of 12 rad.

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SUBJECT NAME: (05/27/00)	REAC/TS ACCIDENT # 1392.0002
Referring Physician: Dr. Daniel Flynn Address/	Telephone <u>Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA</u> (617) 726-8150
Site of Sample Collection: ORAU Other	Scenery Hill Manor, Iodiana, PA, P.M., 12/3/92
Sample Transit: Via Hand Carried Transit Ti a	$e \sim 6$ hrs Culture Date 12/04/92

<u>Culture Data:</u> The condition of the second blood when received in the laboratory was excellent. No evidence of hemolysis. Her white blood count was 5,544 per mm³, with 22% lymphocytes. Her lymphocyte culture yielded excellent growth and exhibited 8% second-divisions in cultures harvested at 47 hr. Her slides were stained with Giemsa blood stain to allow selective scoring of metaphases in their first in vitro division.

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#	Metaphases Scored	# Dicentrics Observed	Dicentric/	Dose* <u>Estimate</u>	90% Confidence Interval
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COMMENTS: We have completed cytogenetic evaluations of 500 first-division metaphases from 47-hr lymphocyte cultures established from blood samples from the set of the observed a total of two dicentric chromosomes for a dicentric/cell frequency of .004. It should be noted that dicentric frequencies of about one dicentric per 500 metaphases are routinely observed in lymphocyte cultures from persons having no known exposure to radiation other than that due to background. Because the dicentric frequency in cultures is so near that observed in unexposed persons, it is not possible for us to produce a precise estimate of any radiation dose she may have received, however, within very wide ranges of statistical error, our cytogenetic dose estimate based on the observed dicentric/cell frequency is about 6 rad. Taking into account statistical uncertainty associated with this dose estimate, we are 90% confident that her exposure ranged from <1 to no greater than 20 rad.

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Sample Transit: Via Hand Carried Transit Time - 6 hrs Cultu	are Date <u>12/04/92</u>

Exposure Data: f(x) = 1 is a patient at the nursing home whose bed was located within two-to-four feet from the trash can where the source remained for approximately 3 hr. The estimated dose rate at 1 meter from the trash can was -2 R/hr.

Culture Data: whole blood arrived in excellent condition and showed no signs of hemolysis. Her white blood count was 4,767 per mm³, with 37% lymphocytes. Growth was excellent in her 47-hr lymphocyte cultures which exhibited 20% second-divisions at that early harvest time. Her slides were stained with fluorescence plus Giemsa blood stain for evaluation of radiation-induced chromosome aberrations in selected first-division metaphases.

RESULTS AND COMMENTS ON CYTOGENETIC ANALYSES

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Referring Physician: <u>Dr. Daniel Flynn</u> Address/Teler	phone <u>Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA</u> 17) 726-8150
Site of Sample Collection: ORAU Other Scen	ery Hill Manor, Indiana, PA, P.M., 12/3/92
Sample Transit: Via <u>Hand Carried</u> Transit Time ~	<u>6 hrs</u> Culture Date <u>12/04/92</u>

Exposure Data: Caregiver who administered to patient; gave a lot of care to skin near source.

<u>Culture Data</u>: Condition of blood when received in the laboratory was excellent. No evidence of hemolysis. WBC = 8,164 per mm³, 30% lymphocytes. If the laboratory was excellent growth, and exhibited 19% second-divisions in cultures harvested at 47 hrs. Her slides were stained with fluorescent plus Giemsa techniques to allow selective scoring of metaphases in their first in vitro division.

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TO: Dr. Shirley Fry	DATE: <u>December 11, 1992</u>
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SUBJECT NAME: (05/15/54)	REAC/TS ACCIDENT # 1392.0005
Referring Physician: <u>Dr. Daniel Flynn</u> Address/Teleph (61)	none <u>Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA</u> 7) 726-8150
Site of Sample Collection: ORAU Other Scene	ry Hill Manor, Indiana, P.A. P.M., 12/3/92
Sample Transit: Via <u>Hand Carried</u> Transit Time <u>~ 6</u>	hrs_Culture Date <u>12/04/92</u>
Exposure Data:	anor who handled the source and placed it in the trash.

<u>Culture Data</u>: Condition of blood when received in the laboratory was excellent. No evidence of hemolysis. White blood count of 7,364 per mm³, 40% lymphocytes. Imphocyte culture yielded excellent growth and exhibited 36% second-divisions in cultures harvested at 47 hr. Her slides were stained with fluorescence plus Giemsa technique to allow selective scoring of metaphases in their first in vitro division.

RESULTS AND COMMENTS ON CYTOGENETIC ANALYSES

#	Metaphases Scored	# Dicentrics Observed	Dicentric/ Cell	Dose* <u>Estimate</u>	90% Confidence <u>Interval</u>
	500	3	.006	~10 rad	3 - 25

* estimate of "equivalent" dose to whole body for <u>iridium 192 gamma rays</u>, coefficients of $\gamma = \underline{.062}$, $\alpha = \underline{3.2 \times 10^4}$ and $\beta = \underline{6.1 \times 10^4}$ dicentrics/cell/rad used in dose calculations.

COMMENTS: We have completed cytogenetic evaluations of 500 first-division metaphases from 47-hr lymphocyte cultures established from blood samples from the background be noted that dicentric frequencies of about one dicentric per 500 metaphases are routinely observed in lymphocyte cultures from persons having no known exposures to radiation other than that due to background. Because the dicentric frequency in cultures is so near that observed in unexposed persons, it is not possible for us to produce a precise estimate of any radiation dose she may have received, however, within wide ranges of statistical error, our cytogenetic dose estimate based on the observed dicentric per cell frequency is ~10 rad. Taking into account statistical uncertainty associated with this dose estimate, we are 90% confident that her exposure ranged from 3 to no more than 25 rad.

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Site of Sample Collection: ORAU Other Scenery Hill Manor, J	Indiana, P.A. P.M., 12/3/92
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Exposure Data: and handled the trash can that contained the source. He took the trash to a concrete shed in the back of the facility.

<u>Culture Data</u>: Condition of blood when received in laboratory was excellent. No evidence of hemolysis. White blood count was 9,227 per mm³, 23% lymphocytes. Construction of blood excellent growth and exhibited 18% second-division metaphases in cultures harvested at 47 hrs. His slides were stained with fluorescence plus Giemsa techniques to allow selective scoring of metaphases in their first in vitro division.

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#	Metaphases Scored	# Dicentrics Observed	Dicentric/ Cell	Dose* <u>Estimate</u>	Confidence Interval	
	500	2	.004	~6 rad	<1 - 20 rad	

* estimate of "equivalent" dose to whole body for <u>iridium 192 gamma rays</u>, coefficients of $\gamma = .002$, $\alpha = 3.2 \times 10^4$ and $\beta = 6.1 \times 10^4$ dicentrics/cell/rad used in dose calculations.

COMMENTS: We have completed cytogenetic evaluations of 500 first-division metaphases from 47-hr lymphocyte cultures established from blood samples from the weak of the observed a total of two dicentric chromosomes for a dicentric/cell frequency of .004. It should be noted that dicentric frequencies of about one dicentric per 500 metaphases are routinely observed in lymphocyte cultures from persons having no exposures to radiation other than that due to background. Because the dicentric frequency in the cultures is so near that observed in unexposed persons, it is not possible for us to produce a precise estimate of any radiation dose he may have received, however, within very wide ranges of statistical error, our cytogenetic dose estimate based on the observed dicentric/cell frequency is about 6 rad. Taking into account statistical uncertainty associated with this dose estimate, we are 90% confident that his exposure ranged from <1 to no greater than 20 rad.

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