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Mr. J. B. Neillands  
185 Hill Road  
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Neillands:

This refers to your letter of May 20, 1963 in which you asked several questions concerning the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards.

With reference to your first question, <sup>the</sup> set out below ~~are~~ brief accounts of the background and experience of Messrs. Rogers and Stratton and of Dr. Williams.

Mr. Donald A. Rogers, presently a private consultant, was until recently, Director of Project Analysis, Central Research Laboratory, Allied Chemical Corporation with which he had been affiliated since 1940. He was a chemical engineer and advisory engineer with the Atmospheric Nitrogen Corporation and Solvay Process Company from 1924 to 1940 and an instructor in mechanical engineering at Cornell University from 1922 to 1924. Mr. Rogers has had 12 years experience in reactor safety matters as a member of the ACRS and of the reactor safety committees which preceded the statutory ACRS.

Dr. Charles R. Williams received his PHD from Harvard University in 1934. He is Assistant Vice President and Director of Industrial Hygiene Services in the Loss-Prevention Department of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company. He is also Associate Professor of Applied Industrial Hygiene at the Harvard University, School of Public Health. Dr. Williams is past president of the American Industrial Hygiene Association. He has been a member of the ACRS for 4½ years and is presently its Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Reuel C. Stratton, a chemical engineer, has been with Travelers Insurance Company since 1919. He is Assistant Director of Research (Chemical and Nuclear). He was Assistant Chief Chemist with New

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Departure Manufacturing Company from 1919 to 1917 and chemist with Scoville Manufacturing Company in 1916. As Assistant Director of Safety of the Office, Chief of Ordnance (Army), he directed the safety engineering service in all plants, both government and privately owned, subject to Office, Chief of Ordnance jurisdiction, within which explosives, ammunition or pyrotechnics were manufactured, loaded, tested or stored. Mr. Stratton represented the Joint Army-Navy Ammunition Storage Board during the investigation of catastrophes involving large quantities of explosives. For twelve years Mr. Stratton has been a member of the ACRS and the Reactor Safety Committees which preceded the ACRS.

Although we have not conducted a search of the records in that regard, it is probable that a number of the members of the ACRS have previously served as consultants or advisors to the Atomic Energy Commission and it is equally probable that a number of them, including those mentioned by you, have been the recipients of grants or contracts, etc., as stated by you.

It appears germane to point out that although the ACRS is a statutory committee its members are subject to Federal Law concerning conflict of interest.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Lowenstein  
Director  
Division of Licensing  
and Regulation

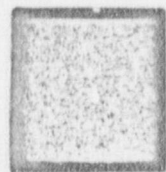
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Charlie Edwards said you wanted to see this draft letter to Neilands re ACRS.





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May 20, 1963

Dear Dr. Lowenstein,

Thank you for your letter of May 8 in which you supply information on the membership of the ACRS and the Safety & Licensing Board.

I would now like to ask some further questions about the ACRS.

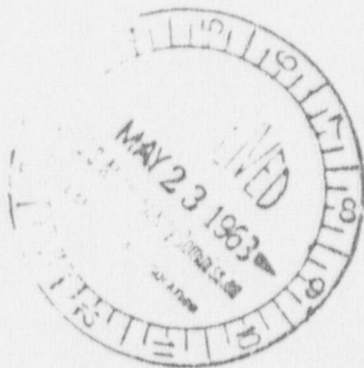
1. What do you consider to be the special qualifications of Williams, Rogers and Stratton for appointment to the ACRS?
2. Can you advise me if Silverman, Geyer, Hesse, Johnson or Thompson have ever been the direct or indirect, through the Universities or institutions with which they are associated, recipient of grants or contracts for research, teaching or any other purpose, from the AEC?
3. How many members of the present staff of the ACRS have previously served as consultants or advisors to the AEC?

I look forward with interest to your reply.

Sincerely yours,

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