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Attention: Ms. Carol Ann Reed

Reference No.: FOIA/PA 99-374

Dear Ms. Reed:

In regards to my previous request, I have two additional addresses, which pertain to the site that may yield additional information:

1. Veterans Administration Medical Center
11310 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California
2. Wilshire Boulevard and Sawtelle Boulevard
Los Angeles, California

Please feel free to call me at the phone number below if you have any questions regarding this additional request.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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TO : AFSE FILES DATE: August 15, 1952
 FROM : James W. Hitch, Advisory Field Service Branch
 SUBJECT: VISIT TO VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL, WILSHIRE & SAUNTELLE
 BOULEVARDS, LOS ANGELES 25, CALIFORNIA, JULY 23, 1952
 SYMBOL: OIF, JWH

On the afternoon of July 23, 1952 Mr. Vaden and I visited with Drs. Raymond L. Libby, Ph.D., Franz K. Bauer and Thomas F. Barrett, MD's. Dr. Libby is Director of the Scientific and Radioisotope Sections of the hospital. Drs. Libby, H. C. Allen and W. E. Goodwin have collaborated in the writing of articles on radiation counter equipment. Both Drs. Allen and Goodwin are no longer at the hospital. Goodwin is at Beverly Hills Clinic and Allen is at the University of Texas. Dr. Libby has written another article on instrumentation which is to be published in the October issue of The Journal of Laboratory And Clinical Medicine. This hospital has several of the R. C. Instrument Company scintillation counter systems which they praise rather highly. On mentioning that other people have had difficulties concerning high voltage regulation, they stated that they were not plagued by that trouble. I then asked about their power load and high voltage regulation and was shown a rather elaborate system for overcoming such difficulties. Other instruments consisted of 2 Autoscalers, automatic sample changers and a Berkeley scaler with a counting rate computer. The laboratory also contained disposable absorbent paper, lead bricks and shields for storage and several leaded aprons.

Dr. Libby had received one of the new Tracerlab scintillation counter heads, which, according to him, had several minor faults. Apparently the counter was sent to him for evaluation purposes since Tracerlab is not yet supposed to be in production on this equipment. The hospital is using a Victoreen pocket chamber and Minometer and Oak Ridge National Laboratory film badge service.

Drs. Libby and Barrett stated that they were anxious to be approved for a general authorization for radioisotopes. I therefore made a thorough survey of their facilities. The isotope laboratories, the counting room and storage and processing rooms all lie on one side of the building. These rooms adjoin each other with the exception of a chemical storage room between the counting room and

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the radioisotope storage room. Beyond the radioisotope storage room was a wash and shower room for research people. Another row of laboratory rooms adjoin these rooms on their opposite side from the outside wall, which in turn adjoins the hallway. Two of these rooms for storage and processing were equipped with fume hoods and exhaust fans. The storage room contained lead shields and bricks.

Attached drawings should help in giving a better understanding of the layout.

The following Committees are responsible for the use of radioisotopes at the hospital as of February 6, 1952:

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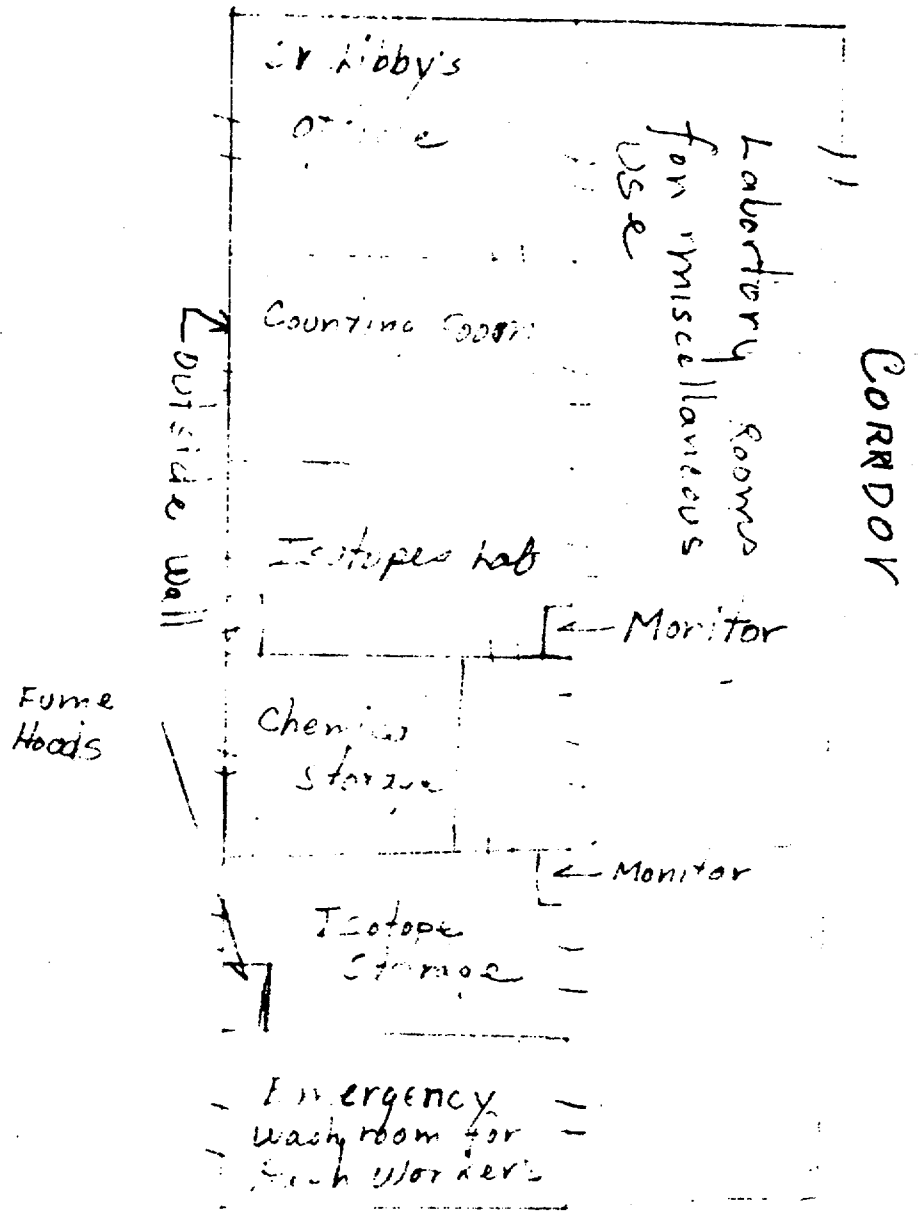
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