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SUBJECT:

BLOOD COUNTING, CHEST X-RAY AND  
MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF OFFICIALS  
AND OBSERVERS GOING TO MARALINGA

You asked me to ascertain the views of the Safety Committee on the above.

The Safety Committee is "not interested"; it will not endorse these requirements. After talking with [redacted] I am doubtful whether the N.R.A.C. will agree that there is any necessity for the above examinations. [redacted] quoted the views of [redacted] (Harwell) on the lack of value of blood tests; this view coinciding with that expressed by the Safety Committee.

The Safety Committee however will strongly support any move to make the assessment of radiation dose through film badge monitoring fully effective. [redacted] informs me that only a fraction of the badges were developed last year). The film badge is a sensitive detector of low level radiation.

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Secretary  
Atomic Weapons Tests Safety Committee

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