

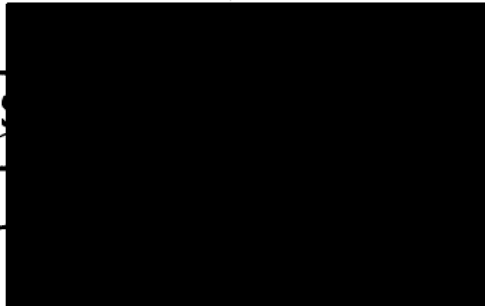
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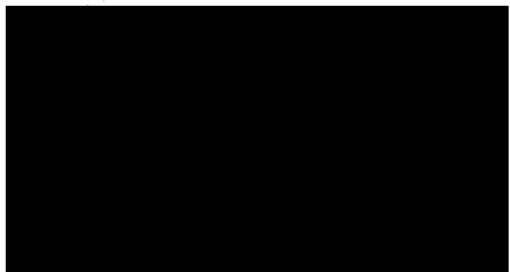
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1. Enclosure 71a and 70a raise the issue of radiological safety of personnel exposed to the risk of ingesting or inhaling radioactive material during and after atomic weapons tests at the range.
2. From the medical aspect it is suggested that the Air Staff representative of the Board of Management Atomic Weapons Tests, should raise the issue outlined in Air Ministry letter C.95567/57/D of H & R., at enclosure 71a at the Board's next meeting.
3. The above suggestion is submitted on the assumption that it is the responsibility of the Ministry of Supply to make available facilities which could be used for undertaking Radio-chemical urinalysis of personnel, both service and civilians, who have been exposed to radio active material.
4. As you know the R.A.A.F. have carried out the blood examinations for Service and civilian personnel and we have supplied a hygiene N.C.O. for the Health Physics Team; but is not this exacting work the responsibility of another Department?
5. It is essential, and the other Medical Directors General agree that the responsibility for, and the application of these precautions should be laid down, and it would appear that the Dept. of Supply might be the one to shoulder it.
6. Could the above be taken up firmly in the conference?



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