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Attention: Dr. E. O. Lawrence
Dr. John Lawrence
Dr. J. G. Hamilton
Dr. R. S. Stone

Subject: BIOLOGICAL AND MEDICAL RESEARCH PROBLEMS

Gentlemen:

Following is an excerpt from a teletype received in this office from the Chicago Operations Office:

"THE FOLLOWING MEMORANDUM HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM DR. JOHN Z. BOWERS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF BIOLOGY AND MEDICINE, WASHINGTON, D. C. 'IT IS PLANNED THAT IN 1951 THERE WILL BE FURTHER PROOF TESTS OF ATOMIC WEAPONS AT ENIWETOK ATOLL. THE DIVISION OF BIOLOGY AND MEDICINE HAS STATED THAT IT DESIRES TO ACTIVATE A PROGRAM OF HIGHLY SELECTED BIOLOGICAL AND MEDICAL RESEARCH PROBLEMS WHICH COULD NOT BE CARRIED OUT UNDER ANY OTHER SCIENTIFIC CONDITIONS. IT IS THEREFORE REQUESTED THAT WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS YOU SUBMIT TO THIS OFFICE ANY SUCH PROJECTS WHICH YOU MAY DESIRE TO HAVE CARRIED OUT WITH AN ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL AND THE NUMBER OF ANIMALS REQUIRED FOR THE PROJECT. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW AS TO THE NEED FOR ANY SPECIAL EQUIPMENT OR LABORATORY FACILITIES AND THE PHYSICAL MEASUREMENTS THAT WILL BE REQUIRED. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THERE WILL BE A MODEST BIOCHEMICAL, BIOPHYSICAL AND PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY.'"

Washington has requested that replies to the above be in Washington by June 14. It is therefore requested that replies to the

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above inquiry be in this office by June 10, in order that they may be assembled and forwarded to Dr. Bowers.

Very truly yours,

Russell H. Ball

Russell H. Ball, Chief
Research Service Branch

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