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Dr. Erwin Schwenk
The Worcester Foundation for
Experimental Biology
Shrewsbury, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Schwenk:

This will acknowledge your letter of April 2 regarding the possibility of obtaining livers from sharks that may be caught in the area of heavy fallout in the Pacific Proving Grounds.

We have carried on a number of studies in previous years to determine the uptake of fallout material and their deposition in the tissues of various species of fish. On the basis of this information and what we would predict from the current tests, there is no reason to expect that the activity in the tissues of fish in this area would be sufficiently high to be of any value to you. Furthermore, very little of the activity would be present as Carbon 14. If at a later date we do obtain livers from sharks that are relatively high in radioactivity, we shall be glad to keep your needs in mind and provide material for your study.

Sincerely yours,

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