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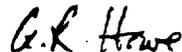
Dear Ruth,

I have now consulted with David Rush on the response by Donna Cragle to our initial comments on the proposal for safe keeping of the Mayak data. We are both in agreement that, although the response addresses some of the concerns we raised, there is still no clear statement as to the work to be done, how it will be done, and whether it can be done within the proposed budget.

We suggest that the next appropriate step will be for Donna and her collaborators to identify an appropriate contractor who would carry out the work, and prepare a detailed statement of work (including details of training) and also prepare a detailed budget to match the work statement. The latter would be a necessary step before any contract could be signed so it does not involve extra work on the part of Donna and her collaborators. At the stage that the detailed work proposal has been prepared it could then be passed by the SRG for the final approval.

I would appreciate it if you would pass this opinion by John Samet and the other members of the SRG in order to receive their input. In the meantime best wishes.

Sincerely,



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