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*From
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Dr. Alvin G. Graves
Commander, East Group 3.1
APO 387 (NOW) c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Dear Dr. Graves:

The attached letter from Mr. Ralph James Tinker to the United States Customs Department, dated April 2, requesting statistics on exports of animals for Endurok tests since January 1946 and the Department of Commerce Referral to us, dated April 11, are transmitted for your consideration.

In discussing this matter with Colonel Ray Sturges and the Division of Biology and Medicine we recognized that the information reported by this Bureau are classified under commodity classifications

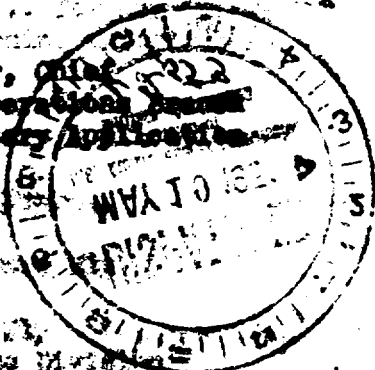
- (a) the real purpose of the inquiry is obscure and may well involve a "cruelty to animals" motive.
- (b) disclosure of the number and kinds of animals may represent a security compromise.
- (c) you may not have this information for the Crossroads Operation.

In view of the above may we have your comments and specific recommendation as to what the tenor of the AEC reply should be.

Sincerely yours, *Edwards*

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Lawrence H. Bayer, Chief
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Enclosures:

1. Copy ltr Tinker to U. S. Customs dtd 4-2-51
2. CC ltr Ely to Tinker dtd 4-17-51

CC: Howard Brown

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