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Dear Mr. Mitchell:

The Department of Energy is pleased to respond to your letter of July 23, 1979, in which you requested, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, several items:

1. The Lawrence Livermore Laboratory preliminary working draft of the radiation dose assessment for resettlement of Enewetak Atoll which was the subject of a meeting held on June 21, 1979. Per our telephone conversation of August 1, 1979, you agreed that a) access to this document was no longer necessary, and b) you would send a note to the Department withdrawing this request.

2. A copy of the transcript, minutes, or record of the meeting held on June 21, 1979. While individual participants may have taken personal notes as they saw fit, the Department has received no transcript, minutes or record of the meeting, nor do we anticipate receipt of such.

3. A copy of written comments upon the draft which was the subject of the June 21, 1979, meeting. To my knowledge no written comments upon the draft were presented to the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory staff, to other attendees or to the Department of Energy.

It should be noted that the attendees had read the draft and met with Lawrence Livermore Laboratory staff members to discuss the document. Written comments and reports were neither requested nor offered.

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4. The Lawrence Livermore Laboratory preliminary draft report of the radiation dose assessment for resettlement of Enewetak Atoll dated on or about July 23, 1979. Pursuant to our agreement and understanding, and recognizing that release of this document, albeit in draft form, is in the public interest, the Department provided multiple copies of the report to your staff on August 2, 1979.

5. Records showing the radiological status of each of the islands at Enewetak Atoll. To the extent that this information is available, it was provided to you in the appendices accompanying the report in (4) above. Similar information was sent to your consultants on August 2.

6. Records and materials showing results of the Fission Products Survey of Enewetak Atoll conducted in February through April 1979. Please see the response to (5) above.

In summary, (1) has been withdrawn, (2) and (3) do not exist, and (4), (5), and (6) have already been provided to you and to others in the public interest.

Also, because of the public interest, page charges for the costs of duplicating the report and the voluminous appendices are being waived.

We trust that this reply has been responsive to your request.

Sincerely,



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