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TO : John Bigher

DATE: May 12, 1953

FROM : Robert L. Corsbie *Corsbie*

SUBJECT: TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH CDR. CRONKITE

Commander Cronkite called this morning to let me know that there is a probability that orders will be written for Naval personnel now assigned to NRDL in connection with the investigations in biological effects of ionizing radiation and that other work requiring special experience and competences such as that we are now getting from this group in carrying out the field test at Nevada. Gene feels that if there is a requirement for this kind of work in the future, the loss of this group would severely handicap NMRI and NRDL in continuing investigations similar to those carried out at GREENHOUSE and presently for us under contract. He feels that in your letter to Admiral Pugh relative to the work the Navy has been doing for the AEC, it would be helpful and appropriate for you to include an expression on the desirability of holding intact this group of Naval personnel to act as a team in future biomedical studies. This suggestion is, of course, important to the AEC only if there is indicated a need for future cooperation between the AEC and the Navy in continuing investigations in the areas of their particular competences in future test operations.

Gene will probably call you on this today or tomorrow.

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*Cmdr. Cronkite has called.**123/557*

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