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Dear Bob:

I appreciate your sending several copies of your September report directly to us. I'm still not certain what happens to the copies which the Operations Office should forward.

I have read the report with much interest, and believe that I now have a better appreciation of the difficulties involved in determining low body-burdens of radium.

One note which caught my fancy is the statement that papers on calcium metabolism in humans are in preparation. Would you be so kind as to furnish us with manuscripts of these papers in advance of publication? As you know, we also have an interest in strontium metabolism which is believed by some to run parallel with calcium metabolism. Are your experiments such that this idea might be tested--perhaps not in humans but in animals? This is not to suggest a major project in the subject, but more to ask your thoughts on the matter.

With best regards.

Yours very truly,

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