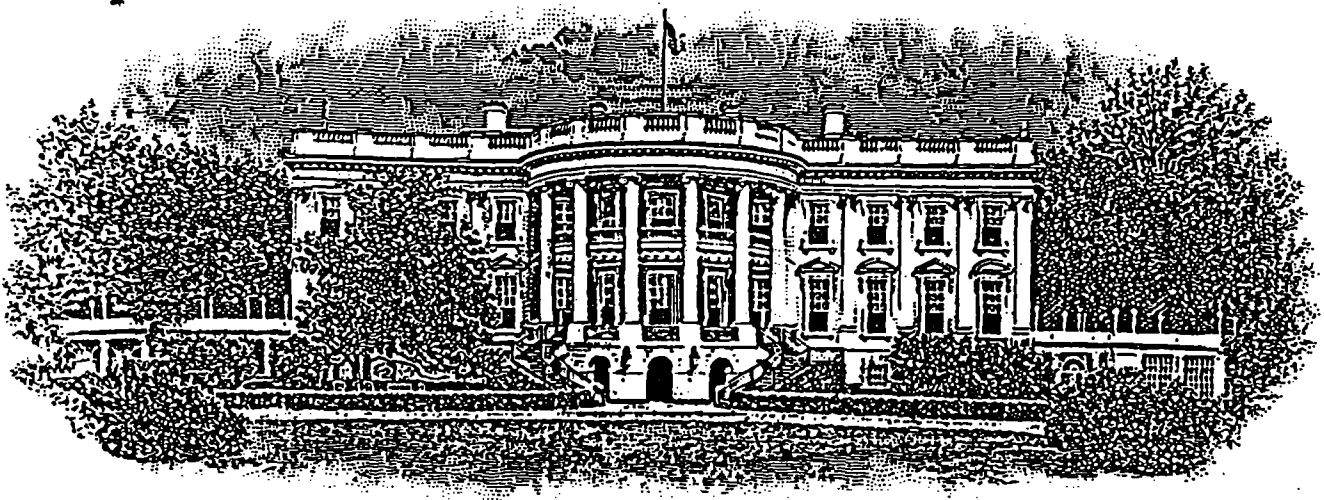


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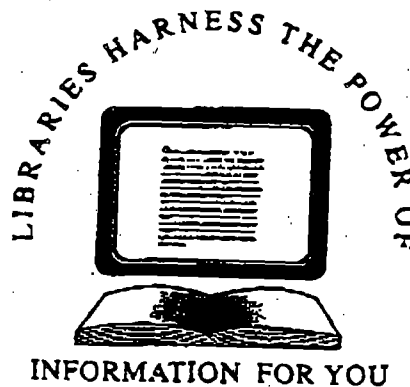
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PRESS BRIEFING
BY MIKE MCCURRY

The Briefing Room

1:45 P.M. EDT

→ Q Mike, on the victims of the radiation, are only 30 people or families going to be getting reparations?

MR. MCCURRY: No. There are 30 identified now who have got compensation settlements, and then part of the recommendations of this report structure a way in which other people who have got valid claims for compensation can present their case. And the report outlines criteria by which those claims for compensation can be evaluated. Ms. Terzano here is an expert.

Q Why was the President somber when he heard the verdict?

MR. MCCURRY: I didn't ask him. You asked for me to characterize what his appearance was, and I did as best I could.

→ Q On the biogenetic advisory panel, how many government agencies actually do testing on humans?

MR. MCCURRY: Ginny, do you know? It may be covered in some of the materials that were out publicly. You didn't find it in there?

Q No.

MR. MCCURRY: They may have --

MS. TERZANO: It's like HHS, DOD --

MR. MCCURRY: HHS, DOD, DOE had an involvement, the predecessor agencies. You may want to check in the report, or else Ginny can work with you and help you out.

Q Did the President, considering he's having these routine chats with the Speaker these days, call him up and tell him he was going to veto -- or have any conversation with him on it?

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RCClinton toughens federal protections for human guinea pigs

WASHINGTON (AP) President Clinton today took steps to protect those who participate in secret, government-sponsored experiments from mistreatment and assure they are fully informed of the risks.

The administration also said it is settling for an undisclosed sum claims by four more families of victims of radiation experiments conducted in the 1940s.

The plans for giving greater protection to research participants were prompted by recommendations made more than a year ago by a presidential commission that investigated the government's use of humans in radiation research during the Cold War years.

The advisory panel warned that past excesses might be repeated unless there are new safeguards.

The White House said today that Clinton had signed a memorandum strengthening the rights and protections afforded individuals who agree to be subjects of secret, government-supported research.

The White House said a review by an inter-agency task force uncovered no government-supported classified human research at this time. But officials acknowledged that formal accounting for such research needs to be improved.

Meanwhile, the White House said it had settled claims with 16 families of individuals who were given plutonium injections as part of experiments in the 1940s. Two other victims have not been identified and their families have not come forward. The government in November announced a settlement with 12 families totaling \$4.8 million.

The government has said it is prepared to provide compensation to the families of 52 other individuals who the advisory commission had said were believed to be subjected to improper radiation experiments. The identity of those 52 are not known, and so far no families have come forward.

Under the new presidential directive on human research, agencies must develop new rules that clearly require scientists to obtain informed consent from all potential subjects of secret experiments. Currently such consent may be waived under some circumstances.

The president also ordered that any research subject be told the identity of the sponsoring agency and whether the experimentation is classified. The new rules also would require the head of the agency to approve such research and develop a more independent review process than currently provided.

Also in response to the October 1995 findings by the Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Experiments, the president plans to:

Ask Congress to broaden a 1990 law that allows compensation to underground uranium miners who became ill because of exposure to radiation. Under the current law, hundreds of miners are not eligible for compensation.

Propose legislation to make veterans' health care benefits available to airmen and sailors who were subjects of radioactive nasal treatments more than 50 years ago. The treatments were to prevent broken eardrums during flight or in submarines.

Seek broader epidemiological studies to determine the long-term health impact of nuclear bomb testing during the Cold War to military personnel and civilian populations near the test areas.

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