

TO: Mr. E. J. [unclear]
FROM: J. F. Muller

SUBJECT: Report by J. G. Hoffman on "Biological Effects of July 16th
Explosion"

The accompanying document was submitted by J. G. Hoffman to be issued as an LA report. Mr. Oppenheimer, I believe, directed that all reports on health problems be classified as "Confidential" and issued only as such. I do not know the reason for this specific instruction but I believe it is to give added security protection to safeguard the project against being made public. I think it to have been changed a few weeks ago when Dr. Lewis suggested, I took over to Dr. Kampelman a report on possible contamination of the Rio Grande rather than issue it as a LA report.

I shall appreciate receiving suggestions from you as to the handling of reports of this kind.

J. F. Muller

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Mr. Milnes

Mr. E. Bradbury

I believe that we should continue to handle biological reports in a special manner rather than put them in the general IA classification. I will discuss the report by J. S. Hoffman with Dr. Hempelmann on his return before I return it to you for reproduction.

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