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From: Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Radiological Defense Laboratory
To: Chief, Bureau of Ships

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Ref: (a) BuShips Instr 4860.5, Ser 741-290 of 16 Apr 1954
(b) CO USNRDL ltr 3-141A-378 of 19 May 1954

Encl: (1) Summary Report on Decontamination Facility

1. References (a) and (b) were discussed with CAPT R. K. Ashton on the occasion of his visit to this Laboratory on 18 January 1955 and it was agreed that a special report would be submitted on a clothing decontamination operation conducted at this activity and involving the use of industrial-type washing machines and equipment.

2. Enclosure (1) summarizes pertinent data prepared as requested. It was agreed that cost data (Item 13) would be omitted as being inapplicable.

3. It may be noted that the building and equipment identified with the subject facility is under the control of the San Francisco Naval Shipyard. The San Francisco Naval Shipyard has, pending completion of Building 815, allowed NRDL personnel to use the space and equipment in Building 503 with the understanding that whatever SFNS clothing is exposed to radioactive contamination will be monitored and decontaminated on a mutual courtesy basis. This arrangement will terminate on or about 1 March 1955, the scheduled date of occupancy of Building 815, at which time the space and equipment in Building 503 will revert to the full control of SFNS. Special decontaminating equipment has been installed in the new building, and it is probable that NRDL will continue to service SFNS clothing and apparel that has been exposed to radioactive contamination.

4. Clothing and apparel accepted at the subject facility is limited to items that have been exposed to radioactive contamination, and the sole purpose is to reduce the radiological contamination to the accepted safe level. Some clothing is later sent to a Navy-operated laundry for final cleaning and pressing, while such items as coveralls are re-issued without cleaning and pressing. All SFNS "hot" clothing received at the subject facility is monitored, processed, re-monitored, and returned to SFNS for laundering and pressing as required.

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