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September 23, 1982

Dear Dr. Rank,

My interest in, and study of, radiation injury (as relates to the Cash/Landrum case) continues.

In Biological Effects of Radiations by Grosch and Hopwood (Academic Press, N.Y., 1979), I found pp. 192-4 to be of particular relevance (please refer to enclosures). Unless I misunderstand Fig. 11.1 and the underlined statement on p. 194, prior to development of a chronic ulcer from a single exposure to ionizing radiation, one should expect the following progression to have occurred:

- (a) Early erythema phase of approx. 2 days*
- (b) Latent period of approx. 6 days*
- (c) Main erythema phase of approx. 20 days*
- (d) Pigmentation/melanization phase beginning approx. 21 days following exposure, lasting indefinitely

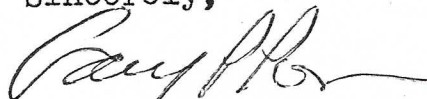
In the case of Vickie Landrum, as far as I can determine, her history seems compatible with phase (a), but I have seen no reports to indicate that phases (b) to (d) occurred. In fact, she seems to have suffered "loss of skin pigmentation" (MUFON UFO Journal Nov. 1981, p.5).

I realize that you cannot and will not divulge medical information regarding Vickie Landrum, but can you please answer the following question for me: If someone (not an albino) does not exhibit phases (b) to (d) following a claimed radiation exposure incident, can one confidently conclude that a subsequent skin ulcer in fact resulted from the claimed radiation exposure?

Also enclosed is an article from Science (date unknown) sent to me by Philip Klass for your perusal and comments. We wonder whether or not you are aware of any evidence of radiation damage to plants, grass, etc., in the vicinity of the Cash/Landrum incident. We have heard no reports of such.

I have not yet received the information relating to the dispute between APRO and VISIT with regard to this case, but I have recently once again requested such, from James Moseley. Again, if anything of relevance to our correspondence results from my inquiry, I will be happy to send it along.

Sincerely,



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*perhaps lasting longer in this case, since figures are for SED (?)

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January 15, 1982

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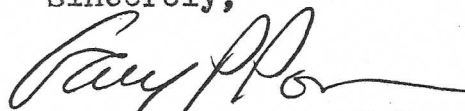
Dear Dr. Rank,

Although you did not respond to my last two letters, I am writing again, but this time for another purpose.

Enclosed please find Dr. Neal's letter, which is self-explanatory. Since you have given me permission to share your letters with Phil Klass, I assume that you would not object if I did the same with Dr. Neal.

Unless I receive instructions to the contrary within the next two weeks, I shall forward to Dr. Neal copies of your letters to me, with the understanding that he will not circulate them further without your permission, nor will he quote from them for publication.

Sincerely,


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cc: Richard M. Neal, M.D.



January 19, 1983

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Dear Doctor Posner:

Thank you for yours of January 15.

I am not interested in getting into an intramural debate among the UFO researchers as to the relative merit of various aspects of the Cash/Landrum case.

My personal consideration is that many UFO researchers take a small amount of information and, like a dog worrying a bone, try to extract more information from a given case than is readily there. They miss the signal and concentrate on the noise.

I am unable to grant you permission to forward the confidential medical information you request. This permission is not mine to give.

Mr. John Schuessler has access to the medical information and to the principal witnesses. If they approve the release of medical information beyond what has already been given, then I am sure that it would be appropriate for Doctor Neal to have copies. Ultimate permission for the transfer of this information must rest, therefore, on Mr. Schuessler and the witnesses, not with myself.

The information I have forwarded to you was with the express permission of Mr. John Schuessler.

Once again, any information forwarded to you is not for general circulation, not for publication, quotation, attribution, or in any other way, public dissemination.

Please feel free to contact Mr. Schuessler, and he will give you the permission after talking with the witnesses.

*Dr. Rank has not sent me
any such confidential
information!*

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Yours sincerely,

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