

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO : LaMar J. Johnson, H-8

FROM : R. W. Drake

SUBJECT : TIDBITS FROM OLD FILES

SYMBOL : WX

DATE: 20 August 1974

In response to your call of the other day, and also one from Margaret Ann Rogers, I have taken a quick "trip" through my old files that bear on buried junk, contaminated abandoned areas, etc.

I did not find any photos of any graves or burials, Margaret Ann.

I did, of course, encounter the complicated history of HE in and on the ground at old TA's 20 and 27. Xerox copies of some of the related documents are attached; I won't be surprised if this duplicates resources already in your hands from H-3, but this little Xerox is cheap.

I ran onto some mentions of burials at TA-8 and Pajarito Canyon; the best references I had are also copied and attached.

Finally, this review stirred my memory of an old J Division experiment east of old TA-12 (L Site) proper, involving a potent source, a tower of some sort, and not inconsiderable contamination. I think that this may have been J-10; the source was radiolanthanum. This was done quite some years ago--perhaps in the 1960's or earlier. The facilities were removed (I think) under ENG-4 supervision. There was once said to be heavy ground contamination, so the area should probably be checked (entry requires approval of WX and M Divisions because of hazard from DF and R Site shots).

If I think of any other possible monuments, I'll let you know.



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Attachments: Tidbits from old files
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