MESSAGE 1

TIME: 0800

FROM ROYAL HOSPITAL CANCER TREATMENT CENTRE

AT 0730 THIS MORNING, OUR STAFF DISCOVERED THAT THE TELETHERAPY UNIT HAD BEEN DAMAGED DURING RECENT RENOVATION WORK. DOSIMETERS LOCATED IN THE CANCER TREATMENT CENTRE WERE IN ALARM. THE TELETHERAPY UNIT IS BADLY DAMAGED. THE CAESIUM SOURCE IS MISSING. PRELIMINARY SEARCH OF THE CENTRE HAVE NOT FOUND THE SOURCE. WE SUSPECT THAT THE SOURCE WAS TAKEN OUT BY ONE OF THE WORKERS. APPROXIMATE ACTIVITY 51 TBQ. WE ARE PRESENTLY CONDUCTING A SURVEY OF THE HOSPITAL.

MESSAGE 2

TIME: 0900

FROM: DIRECTOR ROYAL HOSPITAL

DUE TO THE RISK OF CONTAMINATION AND THE HAZARDOUS NATURE OF THE RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL WHICH HAS NOT BEEN LOCATED, I HAVE DECIDED TO CLOSE THE CANCER TREATMENT CENTRE. THREE PATIENTS ARE BEING MOVED TO THE HOSPITAL WEST WING. ALL ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES ARE BEING MOVED TO THE MAIN HOSPITAL SUPPLY ROOM. ALL PHYSICIANS AND NURSES ARE BEING REASSIGNED. ALL SUPPORT STAFF ARE BEING SENT HOME.

MESSAGE 3

TIME: 0930

FROM: HOSPITAL RADIATION SAFETY OFFICER

THROUGH THE TRANSFER OF PATIENTS AND SUPPLIES TO THE MAIN HOSPITAL WING, WE HAVE UNFORTUNATELY RESULTED IN CONTAMINATION BEING BROUGHT INTO THE MAIN WINGS. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THE HOSPITAL MAY BE CONTAMINATED. I AM BUSY TRYING TO LOCATE ALL CONTAMINATED AREAS, BUT SEEK ASSISTANCE IN DETERMINING WHAT ACTIONS TO TAKE. PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHAT SORT OF HELP I MAY RECEIVE FROM YOU.

MESSAGE 4

TIME: 0935

FROM: ROYAL HOSPITAL DIRECTOR

AS A RESULT OF THE CONTAMINATION AND BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF MY RADIATION SAFETY OFFICER, I HAVE DECIDED TO CLOSE THE HOSPITAL. ALL ADMISSIONS WILL BE REFUSED. CURRENT PATIENTS WILL BE RESTRICTED TO THEIR ROOMS EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCIES. ALL MOVEMENTS OF PERSONNEL ARE TO BE REDUCED TO A MINIMUM. ROUTINE PROCEDURES ARE CANCELLED.

I NEED ASSISTANCE FOR DEALING WITH THE CURRENT STAFF (FOOD, CLOTHES, ETC.). I ALSO REQUEST THAT OTHER REGIONAL HOSPITALS BE NOTIFIED TO PICK UP THE SLACK.

MESSAGE 5

TIME: 0935

FROM: ROYAL HOSPITAL DIRECTOR

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I NEED ASSISTANCE FOR DEALING WITH THE CONTAMINATION. PLEASE PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND INSTRUCTIONS.

MESSAGE 6

TIME: 1000

FROM: ROYAL HOSPITAL DIRECTOR

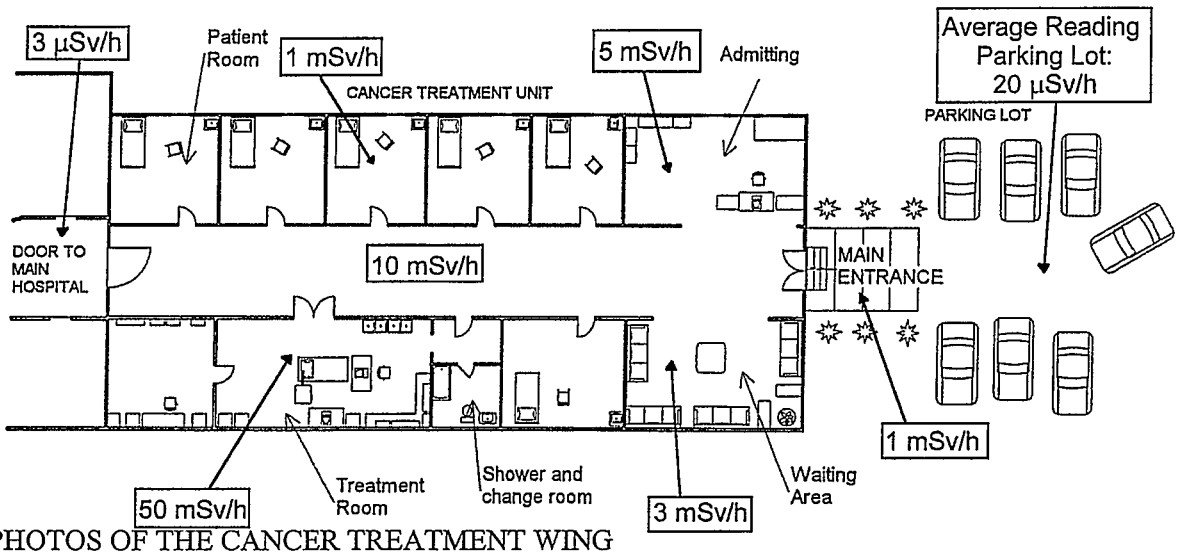
AFTER CONSULTATION WITH MY STAFF, I FEEL THAT THE SITUATION IS BEYOND OUR CONTROL AND REQUEST THAT ALL HOSPITAL OPERATIONS, SURVEY AND SEARCHES, INCLUDING THE SEARCH FOR THE MISSING SOURCE, BE TURNED OVER TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES. THE HOSPITAL AND ITS STAFF WILL REMAIN AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR THE OVERALL CONDUCT AND CONTROL OF RECOVERY OPERATIONS.

MESSAGE 7

TIME: 1000

FROM: HOSPITAL RADIATION SAFETY OFFICER

SURVEY RESULTS - LAYOUT



PHOTOS OF THE CANCER TREATMENT WING

Photo 1: Contamination in the Waiting Area

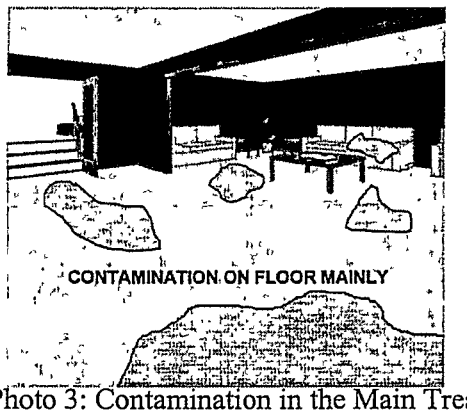


Photo 2: Contamination in the Admitting area

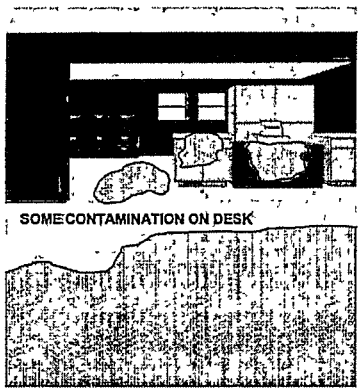
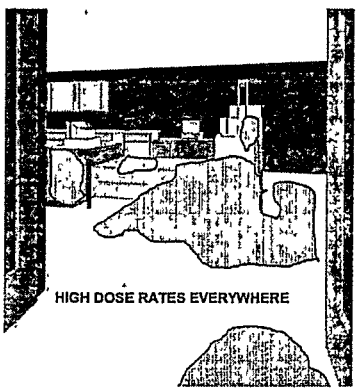


Photo 3: Contamination in the Main Treatment Room



MESSAGE 8

TIME: 1000

FROM: ROYAL HOSPITAL RADIATION SAFETY OFFICER

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT INITIAL CONTAMINATION MEASUREMENTS SHOW THAT THE CANCER TREATMENT CENTRE IS EXTENSIVELY CONTAMINATED, WITH MAXIMUM READINGS AT 1 METRE OF APPROXIMATELY 15 mSv/h. SO FAR THE CONTAMINATION APPEARS TO BE MAINLY LIMITED TO THE EAST WING, WITH SOME POCKETS OF CONTAMINATION IN THE MAIN BUILDINGS. A COMPLETE SURVEY MAP HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES WHO HAVE BEEN ASKED TO TAKE OVER THE CONTROL OF EMERGENCY OPERATIONS.

MESSAGE 9

TIME: 1015

FROM: LOCAL POLICE OFFICER

OUR INVESTIGATION REVEALS THAT A WORKER BY THE NAME OF JO WALKER OF 133 KENT STREET MAY HAVE TAKEN THE SOURCE. OFFICERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO HIS HOME.

MESSAGE 10

TIME: 1030

FROM: LOCAL POLICE

WE HAVE ARRIVED AT JO 'S PLACE. HIS WIFE IS HERE BUT HE IS NOT. WE WILL INTERVIEW HER AND CALL YOU BACK.

MESSAGE 11

TIME: 1100

FROM: MINISTER OF HEALTH OFFICE

AT 1045 THIS MORNING, THE MINISTER OF HEALTH HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY THE PRESIDENT OF WESLAND TO LEAD AND COORDINATE THE FEDERAL RESPONSE TO THE GROWING EMERGENCY IN STATVILLE. GIVEN THE POTENTIALLY LARGE IMPLICATION OF THE INCIDENT INVOLVING THE LOSS AND SPREAD OR RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL, THE PRESIDENT HAS GIVEN THE MINISTER OF HEALTH EMERGENCY POWERS UNDER THE EMERGENCIES ACT. THIS MEANS THAT THE MINISTER OF HEALTH IS NOW HELD ACCOUNTABLE AND RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GOOD CONDUCT OF THE RESPONSE.

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH WANTS YOU TO COORDINATE THE FEDERAL RESPONSE ON HIS BEHALF.

MESSAGE 12

TIME: 1100

FROM: MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT OFFICE

THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT TO RECOVER THE MISSING SOURCE AND TO DETERMINE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT. THE PRESIDENT HAS REQUESTED A HIGH DEGREE OF COORDINATION BETWEEN ALL MINISTRIES INVOLVED AND WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

THE MINISTER WANTS REGULAR UPDATES. THE MINISTER IS ALSO VERY UPSET OVER RUMOURS THAT NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF THE REGULATORY GROUP WITHIN HIS MINISTRY MAY HAVE LED TO THIS ACCIDENT. HE WANTS NO MORE SURPRISES!

MESSAGE 13

TIME: 1105

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW WITH MRS WALKER (WIFE OF JO WALKER)

MRS WALKER IS FEELING RATHER ILL. SHE APPEARS TO HAVE PICKED UP THE SAME VIRUS THAT JO HAS, WHICH IS WHY HE WENT TO THE HOSPITAL. OR MAYBE THEY ATE SOMETHING BAD FROM MACDONALD'S, WHERE THEY WENT RECENTLY. ANYWAY, SHE IS JUST WAITING FOR JO, AND SHE WILL GO TO THE HOSPITAL HERSELF. SHE DOES NOT KNOW WHICH HOSPITAL HE WENT TO, BUT HE USUALLY GOES TO THE SANTA MARIA HOSPITAL.

JO AND HIS WIFE HAVE A DOG ("SPOOTNIK").

NOTE: 133 KENT STREET IS A SMALL 10-STOREY APARTMENT BUILDING. ABOUT 250 PEOPLE, INCLUDING SMALL CHILDREN, LIVE THERE. THERE IS A SMALL PARK RIGHT NEXT TO THE BUILDING.

MESSAGE 13A

CONTAMINATION LEVELS ON MRS WALKER AND THE DOG. *NOTE: CONTAMINATION SURVEY OF THE APARTMENT IS IN PROGRESS.*

Dorothy Walker

Contamination:

hands: 800 cpm
hair: 2000 cpm
face: 750 cpm

Symptoms:

slight dizziness
since Jo got sick, light diarrhea, headache and blurry vision

Jo's dog

Lives at Jo's apartment. Was petted by Jo.

Contamination:

back 5000 cpm

Symptoms:

depressed!

MESSAGE 14

TIME: 1115

FROM: POLICE OFFICER

FURTHER INVESTIGATION WITH NEIGHBOURS AND CO-WORKERS INDICATES THAT JO WALKER TOOK THE #2 BUS HOME THIS MORNING. WE STILL HAVE NOT FOUND JO. OFFICERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE SANTA MARIA HOSPITAL TO CHECK.

MESSAGE 15

TIME: 1200

FROM: SURVEY TEAM AT JO'S APARTMENT

SEE ALSO NEXT PAGES

PHOTOS OF JO WALKER'S APARTMENT

Photo 1: Living Room

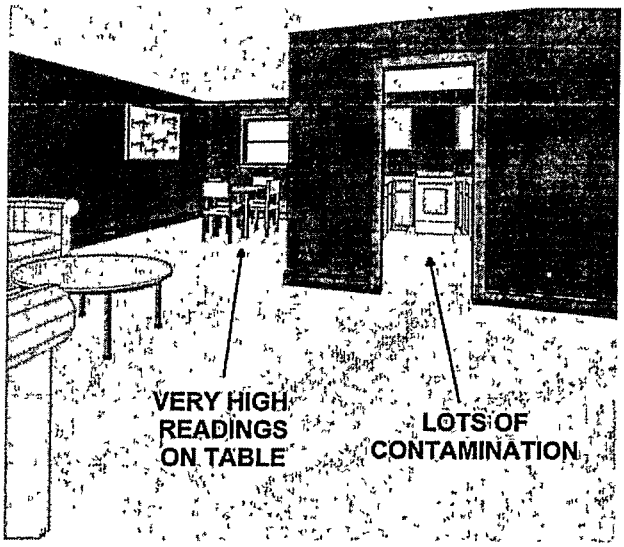


Photo 2: Entrance

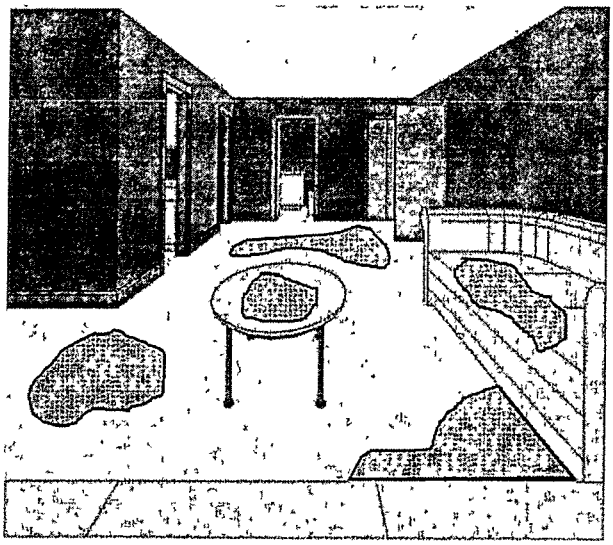
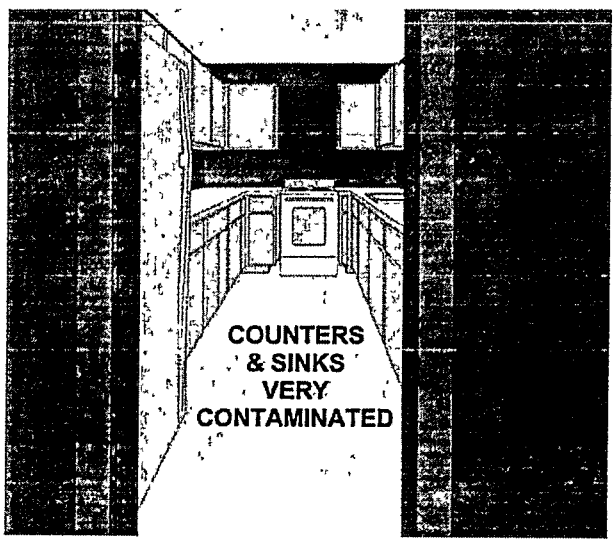


Photo 3: Kitchen



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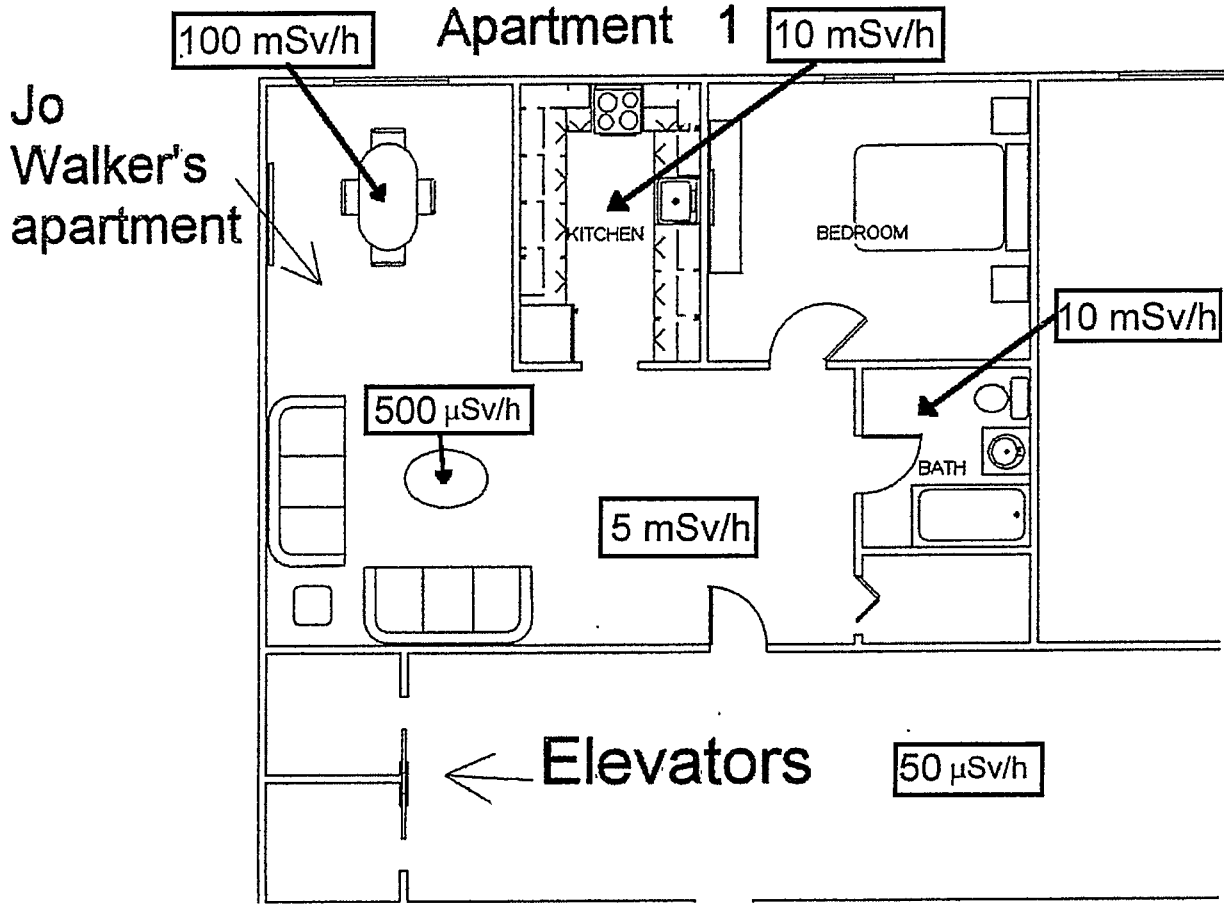
CONTAMINATION IN JO WALKER'S APARTMENT



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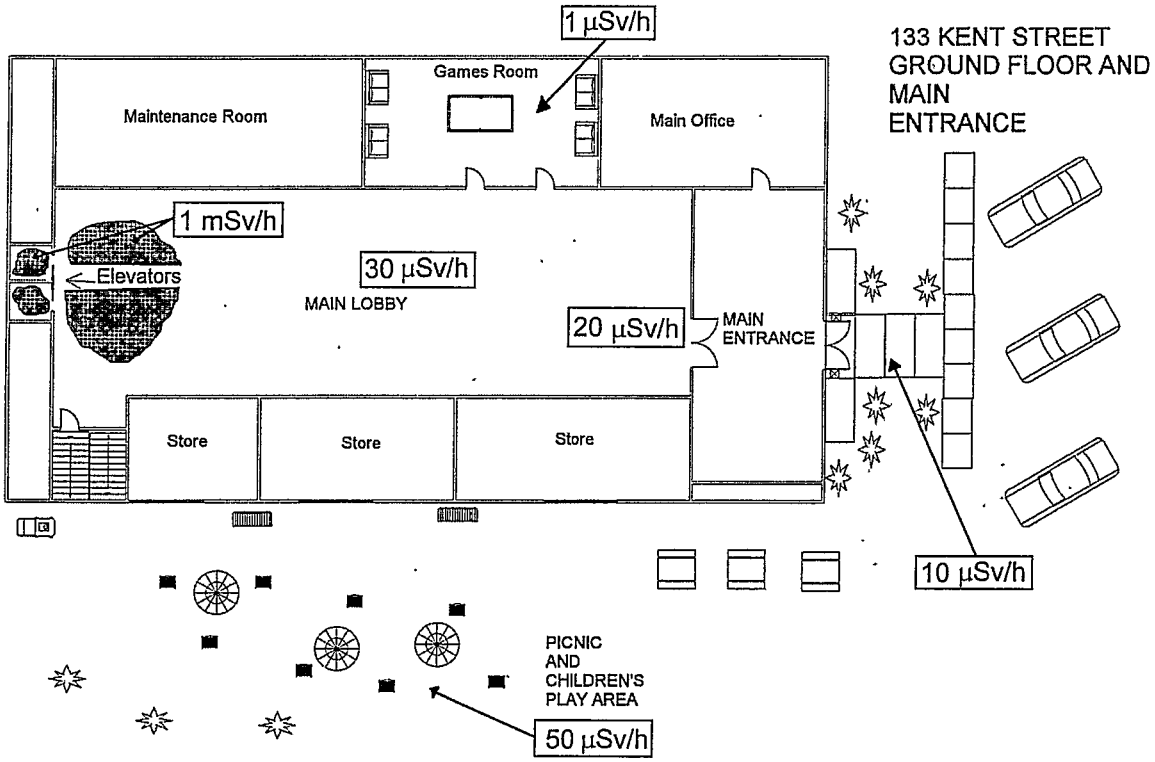
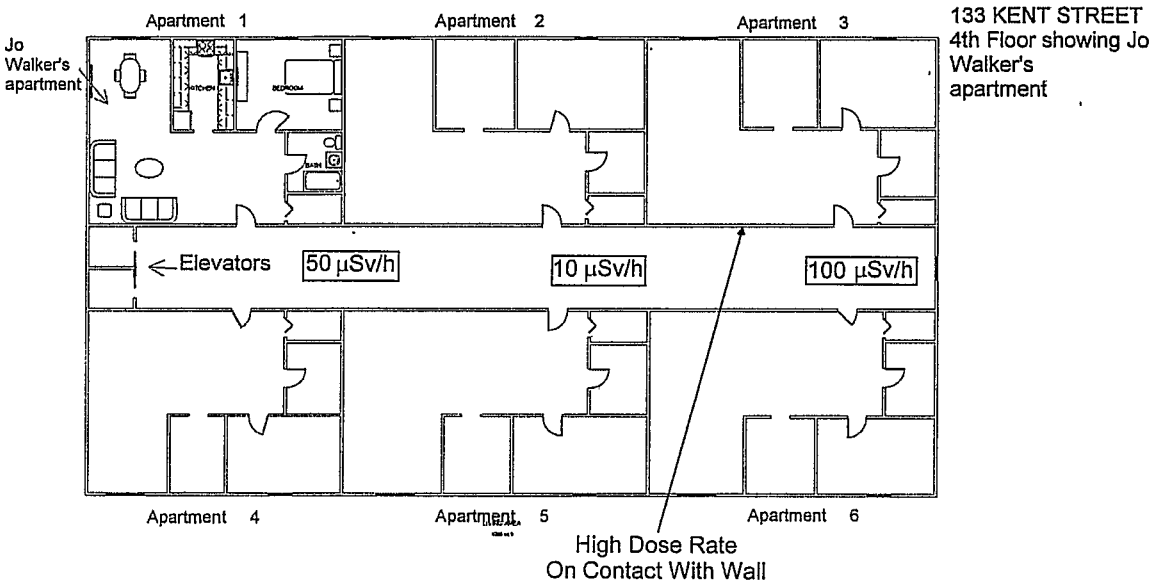
CONTAMINATION IN JO WALKER'S APARTMENT BUILDING - 133 KENT STREET

Main Lobby Area



CONTAMINATION IN JO WALKER'S APARTMENT BUILDING - 133 KENT STREET
4th floor



MESSAGE 16

TIME: 1230

FROM: SURVEY TEAM

THE SOURCE HAS BEEN LOCATED IN JO WALKER'S FRIEND'S APARTMENT IN THE SAME BUILDING. READINGS AT ONE METRE ARE 2 Gy/h. WE SUSPECT THAT A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THE SOURCE MATERIAL IS MISSING. RECOVERY OPERATIONS CANNOT START AS LONG AS PEOPLE ARE STILL IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY.

MESSAGE 17

TIME: 1230

FROM: THE *TRUE TRUTH* NEWSPAPER

THIS IS A TRANSCRIPT OF PORTIONS OF AN ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN THE NOON EDITION OF THE NATIONAL NEWSPAPER:

AT 8 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING, A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT HAPPENED AT THE CANCER TREATMENT CENTRE IN STATVILLE. A HIGHLY RADIOACTIVE SOURCE WAS CRUSHED, LOST AND SPREAD CONTAMINATION THROUGHOUT THE CITY. AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT YET ISSUED ANY WARNINGS, BUT OUR STATVILLE CORRESPONDENT INFORMS US THAT RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION HAS ALREADY BEEN FOUND OUTSIDE THE HOSPITAL. THE ROYAL HOSPITAL, WHERE THE INCIDENT HAPPENED, IS CLOSED TO NEW PATIENTS. EXTENSIVE CONTAMINATION HAS BEEN FOUND IN ONE DOWNTOWN RESIDENCE, ON KENT STREET. BUSES ARE ALSO SUSPECTED TO BE CONTAMINATED. THERE IS NO INFORMATION YET ON HOW WIDE SPREAD CONTAMINATION MAY BE. LOCAL AUTHORITIES REFUSED TO GO ON CAMERA, BUT A RELIABLE SOURCE HAS INFORMED US THAT EVERYONE WHO SUSPECTS THAT HE OR SHE MAY HAVE COME IN CONTACT WITH A RADIOACTIVE SOURCE, IS SHOWING SIGNS OF FATIGUE, NAUSEA OR BURNS, SHOULD REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO THE NEAREST HOSPITAL.

MESSAGE 18A

JO WALKER'S MEDICAL CONDITION

Instrument: pancake probe (GM)
Cs gamma efficiency: assume 50%
normal background: approximately 600 cpm

Jo Walker

Brought the source home.

Contamination:

hands: 6000 cpm
lap: 9000 cpm (mainly on clothes)
hair: 2500 cpm
mouth: 3000 cpm

Symptoms:

vomiting and diarrhea
severe dizziness

MESSAGE 19

TIME: 1315

FROM: SURVEY TEAMS

WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THROUGH DISCUSSIONS WITH LOCAL STAFF THAT THE #95 BUS, WHICH JO WALKER TOOK THIS MORNING, ALSO SERVES EASLAND.

WE HAVE ALSO FOUND THE #2 BUS TAKEN BY JO WALKET THIS MORNING. THERE ARE TRACES OF CONTAMINATION ON THE FLOORD AND BACK SEATS, UP TO APPROXIMATELY 10 μSv AT ONE METER.

MESSAGE 20

TIME: 1315

FROM: STATVILLE HOSPITALS

ROYAL HOSPITAL

OUR EMERGENCY RECEPTION IS CLOSED BUT WE ARE STILL RECEIVING LOTS OF PATIENTS. THERE IS A LINE UP OF PEOPLE OUTSIDE. WE HAD TO TELL THEM TO GO ELSEWHERE. IN THE LAST 2 HOURS, WE HAVE TURNED AWAY APPROXIMATELY 100 PEOPLE.

GRACE HOSPITAL

WE HAVE OVER 50 PATIENTS IN OUR EMERGENCY WARD, AND PEOPLE ARE COMING IN AT A RATE OF ABOUT 30 PER HOUR. I AM AFRAID THAT THIS MAY INCREASE EVEN MORE IF THE NEWS CONTINUE. WE CAN ACCOMMODATE 25 PATIENTS AT ONCE, AT MOST. WE ONLY HAVE TWO DOCTORS ON STAFF. UNLESS SOMETHING IS DONE, PRETTY SOON, PEOPLE WILL BE SITTING OUTSIDE.

WE ALSO NEED QUALIFIED RESOURCES. NONE OF THE PHYSICIANS HERE KNOW MUCH ABOUT RADIATION OR CONTAMINATION TREATMENT. WE NEED HELP FAST!

SANTA MARIA HOSPITAL

OUR EMERGENCY SERVICES ARE OVERLOADED. WE ARE RECEIVING SEVERAL PATIENTS WITH LOCAL BURNS, NAUSEA, DIARRHEA. THESE SYMPTOMS LOOK LIKE THEY COULD BE RADIATION POISONING. BUT WE NEED MORE HELP. OUR 15 ROOM EMERGENCY WARD IS FILLED TO CAPACITY. WE HAVE OVER 75 PEOPLE WAITING TO BE CHECKED. WE HAVE NO WAY OF DETERMINING IF THESE PEOPLE ARE CONTAMINATED OF NOT. SO WE HAVE TO TREAT THEM ALL THE SAME. WE NEED EXTRA BEDS, MEDICAL SUPPLIES, INSTRUMENTS AND QUALIFIED MEDICAL AND TECHNICAL STAFF.

MESSAGE 20 (CONTINUED)

GENERAL HOSPITAL

WE ARE RECEIVING APPROXIMATELY 50 PATIENTS PER HOUR. OUR EMERGENCY WARD IS FULL, BUT WE HAVE MANAGED TO INCREASE OUR EMERGENCY CAPACITY BY MOVING SOME OF THE BEDS IN THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS. WE HAVE STOPPED ALL ROUTINE PROCEDURES AND ARE FOCUSSING ON THE CRISIS AT HAND. WE WERE LUCKY TO HAVE A DOCTOR WITH PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN THE ARMY, AND WERE ABLE TO DIG OUT A RADIAC METRE. WE ARE SCREENING ALL PATIENTS BEFORE WE ADMIT THEM AND, SO FAR, WE HAVE ONLY IDENTIFIED THREE REAL CONTAMINATION CASES. A PERSON NAMED WILSON WAS THE WORST, WITH CONTAMINATION OVER HIS HANDS, FACE, HAIR AND MOUTH OF UP TO 10,000 CPM. WE SUSPECT INTERNAL CONTAMINATION, BUT DO NOT KNOW HOW TO VERIFY.

AS LONG AS THE FLOW OF PEOPLE REMAINS THE SAME, WE THINK WE CAN HANDLE IT.

CIVIC HOSPITAL

HELP! WE HAVE NO IDEA WHAT TO DO WITH THE LARGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS COMING IN SAYING THAT THEY HAVE RADIATION POISONING. WE NOW HAVE OVER 50 PEOPLE IN OUR SMALL RECEPTION AREA. PLEASE PROVIDE ADVICE.

CHILDREN HOSPITAL

WE HAVE BEEN FAIRLY QUIET HERE, WITH SOME 10 OR 20 PATIENTS AN HOUR SHOWING UP AT THE DOOR. HOWEVER, WE HAVE ALSO LEARNED THAT CHILDREN ARE AT RISK. WHAT SHOULD WE DO. WE ARE THINKING OF CLOSING THE HOSPITAL AND MOVING ALL NON-INTENSIVE CARE PATIENTS TO ANOTHER FACILITY. IS THIS WISE. PLEASE PROVIDE ADVICE.

MESSAGE 21

TIME: 1400

FROM: MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT HAS ASKED THAT A FULL ENVIRONMENT ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION BE ASSESSED. HE WANTS A FULL BRIEFING ON THE SITUATION BY 1600 TONIGHT. HE WANTS ALL TRACES OF CONTAMINATION IN THE CITY FOUND. HE WANTS A PLAN TO LIMIT FURTHER SPREAD OF CONTAMINATION. AND HE WANTS A WAY TO ENSURE THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE WHEN ALL THE SOURCE WILL BE RECOVERED.

HE ALSO WANTS A DECONTAMINATION PLAN.

MESSAGE 22

TIME: 1400

FROM: MINISTER OF HEALTH

FACED WITH AN INCREASING PUBLIC CONCERN, THE MINISTER OF HEALTH ORDERS GROUP 3 TO SET UP A PUBLIC "HOTLINE" AND TO ESTABLISH A PLAN TO DEAL WITH THE POTENTIALLY LARGE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES.

MESSAGE 23

TIME: 1415

FROM: LOCAL POLICE OFFICERS

A GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY 20 JOURNALISTS, INCLUDING SUPPORT CAMERAMEN, NEWS VEHICLES AND TRANSMISSION SATELLITES HAVE ASSEMBLED IN FRONT OF 133 KENT STREET. WE ARE EXPERIENCING SOME DIFFICULTIES IN PREVENTING ENTRANCE INTO THE BUILDING. SOME OF OUR OFFICERS HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED, BUT SO FAR ARE REFUSING TO SAY ANYTHING. THE MEDIA ARE GETTING MORE AND MORE AGGRESSIVE. WHAT ARE YOUR DIRECTIVES TO DEAL WITH THE SITUATION?

MESSAGE 24

TIME: 1415

FROM: TELEVISION CHANNEL 4

THIS IS A PARTIAL TRANSCRIPT OF A NEWS CONFERENCE GIVEN BY THE PHYSICIANS AGAINST NUCLEAR ENERGY, WHO ARE MEETING IN TOWN FOR THEIR ANNUAL WORKSHOP ON THE PREVENTION OF THE USE OF RADIATION.

IN A JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE, THE PHYSICIANS AGAINST NUCLEAR ENERGY AND THE RAGING GRANNIES DENOUNCED THE RELAXED AND NEGLIGENT ATTITUDE OF THE AUTHORITIES TOWARD RADIOACTIVE ACTIVITIES. THEY CLAIM THAT, EVERY YEAR, AS A RESULT OF OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE, 2% OF THE ATOMIC RADIATION WORKERS OF WESLAND WILL GET CANCER. THEY ALSO CRITICIZE THE POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT TO LET PREGNANT WOMEN WORK IN HOSPITALS WHERE RADIATION TREATMENTS ARE PROVIDED. FINALLY, THEY CLAIM THAT, AS A RESULT OF THE PRESENT ACCIDENT, THREE PEOPLE ARE ALREADY DEAD, AND THAT DOZENS ARE DYING.

MESSAGE 25

TIME: 1415

FROM: GOVERNMENT PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

WE HAVE RECEIVED NUMEROUS INQUIRIES REGARDING THE PRESENT ACCIDENT. THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE MOST OFTEN ASKED. WE NEED YOUR HELP IN RESPONDING TO THEM:

QUESTION 1: HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM CONTAMINATED?

QUESTION 2: WHAT DO I DO IF I AM CONTAMINATED?

QUESTION 3: CAN I DIE FROM CONTAMINATION?

QUESTION 4: CAN I DRINK THE WATER?

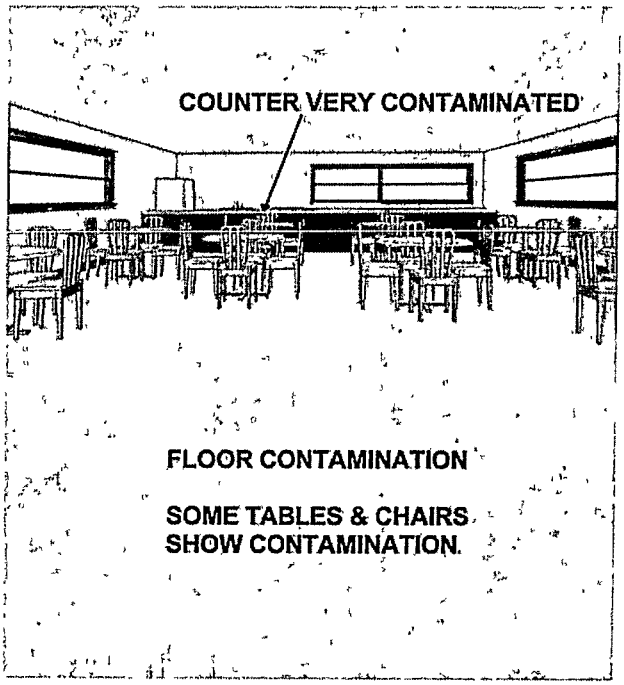
QUESTION 5: WHAT SHOULD I DO TO PREVENT BECOMING CONTAMINATED?

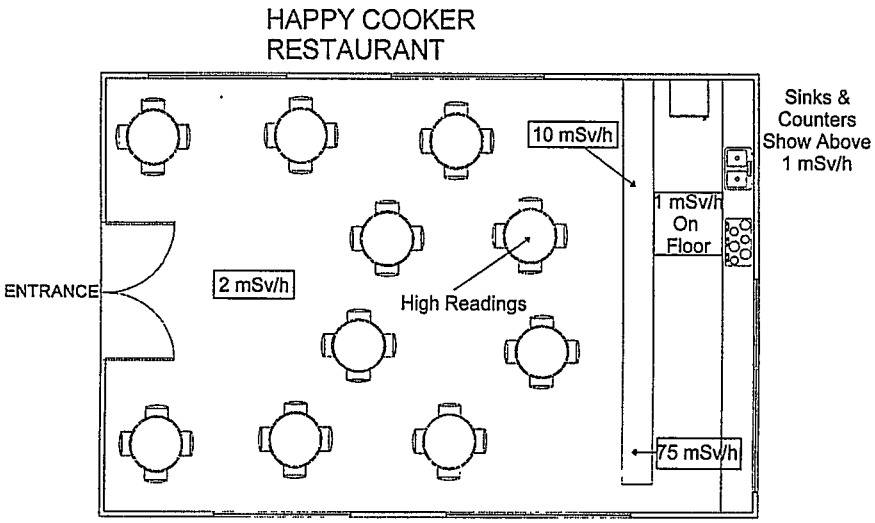
MESSAGE 26

TIME: 1430

FROM: SURVEY TEAM

THE FOLLOWING PICTURES SHOW THE CONTAMINATION AT THE HAPPY COOKER RESTAURANT.





MESSAGE 27

TIME: 1445

FROM: CHOW RADIO

THE FOLLOWING IS A PARTIAL TRANSCRIPT OF A NEWS CAST MADE AT 1430.

WE HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT JO WALKER, THE MAN WHO STOLE THE RADIOACTIVE CAPSULE FROM THE ROYAL HOSPITAL THIS MORNING, APPARENTLY STOPPED AT THE HAPPY COOKER RESTAURANT, NEAR THE EXPERIMENTAL FARM, FOR BREAKFAST THIS MORNING. RELIABLE SOURCES INDICATED TO US THAT CONTAMINATION MAY HAVE BEEN SPREAD AT THAT RESTAURANT, AND THAT ALL PATRONS COULD BE CONTAMINATED.

MESSAGE 28

TIME: 1430

FROM: EXPERIMENTAL FARM DIRECTOR

THE EXPERIMENTAL FARM ANNOUNCES THAT IT HAS INSTRUCTED ALL ITS STAFF TO REPORT TO THE HOSPITAL, THAT IT HAS STOPPED ALL FOOD OUTPUT, AND THAT IT WANTS SPECIALIZED ASSISTANCE TO DEAL WITH THE SITUATION AND INVESTIGATE FOOD CONTAMINATION.

ALL FOOD PURCHASED AT THE FARM TODAY SHOULD BE QUARANTINED. NO FURTHER FOOD PURCHASE WILL BE POSSIBLE UNTIL WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED THAT THE PRESENT CROP IS NOT CONTAMINATED.

MESSAGE 29

TIME: 1430

FROM: EXPERIMENTAL FARM DIRECTOR

WE REQUEST ASSISTANCE AND GUIDANCE TO DEAL WITH THE POTENTIALLY CONTAMINATED FOOD. WE CURRENTLY HOLD SEVERAL TONS OF CEREAL READY FOR DISTRIBUTION, AND OUR 75 COWS HAVE BEEN GRAZING ALL MORNING.

MESSAGE 31

TIME: 1500

FROM: MINISTER OF HEALTH AND MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT

WE HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY THE PRESIDENT TO SET UP A MEDIA CONFERENCE TO TRY AND CALM THE SITUATION.

EACH GROUP IS TO DESIGNATE ONE OR TWO SPOKESPERSONS. THE MEDIA CONFERENCE WILL BE A JOINT CONFERENCE.

THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (GROUP 1) IS TO SET UP THE PLACE FOR THE MEDIA CONFERENCE.

THE SPOKESPERSON FROM THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH WILL ACT AS THE LEADER.

BE PREPARED TO GIVE AN UPDATED STATUS OF THE EVENT AND THE CURRENT SITUATION, AND TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM JOURNALISTS.

THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT HAS BEEN TASKED WITH COORDINATING THE NOTICES AND INVITATIONS TO THE MEDIA CONFERENCE.

MESSAGE 30

TIME: 1500

FROM: LOCAL POLICE

THE POPULATION APPEARS TO PANIC. PEOPLE ARE LEAVING TOWN IN BOTH EAST AND WEST DIRECTIONS. THE MAJOR HIGHWAYS ARE JAMMED. WE ARE DISPATCHING OFFICERS TO DEAL WITH THE WORST TRAFFIC, BUT CITY STREETS ARE BECOMING JAMMED AS WELL. I AM CONCERNED THAT OTHER EMERGENCY SERVICES SUCH AS FIRE FIGHTERS AND AMBULANCES MAY NOT BE ABLE TO RESPOND UNLESS THE SITUATION WITH THE TRAFFIC CHANGES.

THE PRISON DIRECTOR IS REQUESTING INSTRUCTIONS. HE SAYS THAT THE FARM IS VERY CLOSE TO HIS JAIL, AND IF THEY ARE CONCERNED, HE SHOULD BE ALSO. PRISONERS ARE GETTING RESTLESS. HE WANTS INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO DEAL WITH THE SITUATION.

9 SUGGESTED QUESTIONS FOR THE MEDIA CONFERENCE

1. I thought we had national regulations to prevent this from happening. How come it failed?
2. How many people died? How many are going to die of cancer as a result of this accident?
3. Has all the radioactive material been recovered?
4. How can you be sure that all the radioactive material has been recovered?
5. Why did you not evacuate the town?
6. What about all the people who were contaminated: what will you do with them?
7. Who will pay for the damages?
8. Can this accident be compared with Chernobyl? Was it the same kind of carelessness, which caused it?
9. Who is responsible?
10. How can you guaranty that this will not happen in the future?
11. Are the children of this city at risk?
12. Can we eat the food grown locally? If yes, how can you be sure that it was not contaminated?
13. Why is Easland upset about the risk of contamination in their country?
14. Why did you not tell us earlier that something was going on? Was there an attempted cover-up?
15. Should radioactive activities be outlawed, considering the risk that they pose to the population?
16. If this happened once, and you waited so long to tell us about it, how can we be sure that it has not happened before, and that you did not tell us about it at all?
17. Is the government organization responsible for the regulatory aspects of radiation uses corrupt, too old and careless? Do we need to review the way we regulate the nuclear industry in this city?
18. How will this accident affect the chances of the minister of environment for re-election in the upcoming elections?
19. As a journalist from Easland, could you give me a good reason why Easland should not close its border to all traffic from Wesland, and to all food imports?