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Ref: Inquiry into the provisions of the Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests (Treatment) Bill 2006; and, the Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests (The Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2006-10-26

I would like the committee to investigate the closing year of 1963 and not 1967.

The British Scientists left the British/Australian Air Base in Adelaide in late 1967. Tests on contaminated material from Maralinga and other areas were still carried out by them until then and burial of contaminated material also happened in 1967.

If the nominal roll finished in 1963 then service personal on clean up details and other forms of duties in assisting these Scientists from 1963 to 1967 would miss out on what benefits they are fully entitled to.

I would like the committee to take into account that if the British Scientists involved in any way with testing contaminated material from the bomb sites at this base didn't stop until late 1967 then all personnel involved in any way should be taken into account and placed onto the nominal roll up until the day the British Scientists pulled out of Australia in late 1967.

Yours truly,

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