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Honorable Alam J. Dixon United States Senats Washington, D.C. 20518

Dear Senator Dixon:

This replies to your December 17, 1986, letter to Secretary Marsh concerning a fluid drinking system developed by the Wesleyan Company.

The Army is very much interested in such a device as described in your letter. In fact, a requirements document for an improved Muclear, Biological, Chemical Protective Mask Drinking System is being processed. Approval, likely to occur in August 1987, will lead to an advanced system development program. The Wesleyan Company has been in contact with the Chemical School, Mattok Research, Development and Engineering Center; the Armor and Engineer Soard at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and the Human Engineering Laboratory. The Wesleyan Company's system, along with those of other interested and qualified firms, will be avaluated against the requirement. requirement.

I trust this information will assist you.

sincerely,

Assistant Secretary of the Army (Research, Development and Acquisition)