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To: Members Committee for Proposals for Name of Organizations  
Health Physics Society

From: Lauriston S. Taylor, Chairman  
National Bureau of Standards

Subject: Suggested Names

I have been delinquent in not communicating with you sooner with regard to the selection of a name for the "Health Physics Society", which was organized in Columbus last June. In the meantime, however, I have received a number of comments with regard to a name and in addition I have had an opportunity to discuss this with a number of people.

The following specific suggestions have been made:

1. By A. A. Schoen (KAPL) "American Society of Health Physics"
2. By L. J. Scherubin (KAPL)
  - a. "Radiological Protection Society" (or association)
  - b. "Health Physics Society" (or association)
  - c. "Radiological Sciences Society" (or association)
  - d. "Radiological Safety Society" (or association)
3. C. J. Detwiler (KAPL) "American Radiation Protection Society"
4. J. W. Healy (Hanford) "Radiation Protection Society"  
Healy states "I feel that the term Health Physics is a poor description of the work even though a large segment of the country has accepted it. I would prefer some title such as "Radiation Protection Society, which is descriptive and which is yet general enough to cover a multitude of problems."
5. K. Z. Morgan (Oak Ridge) "Health Physics Society"

I would appreciate it if you would consider the above names or any others that you may feel would be appropriate. If you will select two or three names, give them to me in the order of preference, we can perhaps get a solution to our problem by a letter ballot.

As I am leaving the country for a month, beginning the 22nd of March, I would appreciate your early attention to this.

P. S. Dr. E. E. Anderson: I have just discovered after looking at the initial membership list, that I have failed to join the Society. Please accept the enclosed check as evidence of my intentions.