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MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

August 2, 1965

Mr. W. A. Bonnet  
Atomic Energy Commission  
P.O. Box 580  
Honolulu, Hawaii

REPOSITORY DOE/PASO  
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BOX No. 1228, "ERDA # 3"  
BIO-MED Dr Conard  
FOLDER 6/1964 thru 12/1965

Dear Mr. Bonnet:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter to Mr. Goding, High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, in regard to plans for *2-then, but* Dr. J. E. Rall of the National Institutes of Health and myself to visit Kwajalein and Rongelap in September. Though I have not heard from Mr. Goding in regard to these plans, I feel reasonably certain that he will agree. I am therefore writing you to request that you issue travel orders for Dr. Rall and myself for MATS travel to Kwajalein on or about September 13. Also, would you procure the necessary clearance for us? Last year clearance for Kwajalein was obtained through the Hawaiian Sea Frontier (Navy), but if I understand it, such clearance is now obtained through the Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama. If plans go through according to the present schedule, we would arrive in Hawaii on Saturday, September 11. Since I am not sure MATS arrangements can be done on a weekend, would it be possible for you to take care of this for us on the 10th? since our plane leaves early Monday morning, I believe. We will only be in the Islands for about a week. Your help in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Robert A. Conard*  
Robert A. Conard, M.D.

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Encl.

P.S.: I would like to thank you at this time for your help in seeing that the Marshallese got back to Kwajalein.

RAC.

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her for Bob's phone No.  
send Rall's orders to Conard*

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July 20, 1965

If a Western field trip could be arranged during early September, a practitioner could be dropped off at Rongelap to institute the thyroid treatment and supervise the program for a week or so. (We would send the drug out in advance.) Dr. Edward Rall, a thyroid expert who will be returning from Japan September 12, has agreed, though he has a busy schedule, to accompany me to Rongelap for a few days to examine the exposed people. We could take MATS to Kwajalein on September 13 (Kwajalein time). Since it is unlikely that you would have any plane service available, it is suggested that the Trust Territory ship pick us up on Kwajalein on the afternoon of September 14 and take us to Rongelap, where we would spend the 15th and part of the 16th on the examinations and leave for Kwajalein the afternoon of the 16th. On our arrival at Kwajalein on the morning of the 17th, we would carry out examinations at Ebeye before returning to the U.S. the next day.

I think it is important that we visit Rongelap for this purpose, and it would also give me the opportunity to explain to the people the reasons for the treatment and answer any questions. I have talked this over with Dr. Iaman, and he is in agreement with the plan.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Conard, M.D.

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cc: Dr. C. L. Dunham, AEC, Washington  
Mrs. R. VanCleeve, Department of Interior  
DISTAD, Marshalls  
Director of Medical Services, Saipan

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