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Dr. Glenn Seaborg  
 Chairman  
 Atomic Energy Commission  
 Washington, D. C. 20545

Dear Glenn:

In response to your request in your letter of April 17, 1968, we have assembled the enclosed documents concerning the Crossroads and Bikini Scientific Re-survey projects of 1946 and 1947. Two departments of the Museum of Natural History were involved. There are three lists of specimens from accessions made through three divisions of two departments. The totals are 214,212 invertebrates, 44,944 fishes, 119 birds, 113 reptiles, 16 mammals, and 1 plant. I also am enclosing copies of two memoranda concerning these collections (September 5, 1962 and August 9, 1967). Six publications are enclosed. Others from the list in Dr. Chace's memorandum of April 25 can be obtained if desired.

It is quite clear that there is a sufficiently significant collection of materials to make it very desirable to develop a re-survey and a re-collection of organisms of the atoll area in cooperation with the Commission. I am convinced that with the material on hand and with the additional materials which could be collected before the area is re-inhabited, we could compile an ecological record of substantial scientific value which would have a wide variety of practical implications as well. We would therefore like to participate in the collecting effort as appropriate and play a part in the gathering and storage of data from a re-survey. I will suggest that Dr. Wallen stay in touch with Dr. Osterberg.

With best wishes for the success of your program.

Sincerely yours,

S. Dillon Ripley  
 Secretary

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Enclosures