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The Honorable Edward E. Johnston High Commissioner Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

Dear Mr. Johnston:

AEC MEDICAL TRAM SURVEY

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As you know, the AEC, through Dr. R. A. Conard of Brookhaven Mational Laboratory, is considering a supplemental survey of the Rongelap and Utirik people sometime during September 1972 to examine those who refused to be examined in the aborted March 1972 survey.

The logistical support for these surveys is provided and financed by the AEC through its Hevada Operations Office. The aborted survey in March cost almost as much as if the survey had been completed. For this reason, the money available for the forthcoming September survey is very limited.

The AEC can, and is willing to, finance the logistical costs of the AEC team of Dr. Conard and his associates for the September trip. In this light, we suggest that the Trust Territory fund for the costs of the Trust Territory personnel.

We would appreciate being advised as soon as possible if this proposed arrangement for financing the September survey meets with your concurrence.

## Very truly yours,

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