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November 24, 1969

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

Dear Mr. Johnston:

The following schedule for the annual medical examinations of the Marshallese people exposed to fallout radiation is submitted for your approval. The survey is expected to begin about the first of March to last three weeks with complete examinations being carried out on all the exposed people and thyroid examinations of unexposed people in the comparison population. In addition to the Rongelap and Utirik people it is planned to do thyroid examinations on some of the people on Likiep atoll. Attached is an itemized listing of the examination schedule. About 8-9 days would be spent at Rongelap, 2 days at Utirik, 3 days at Ebeye, 1½ days at Likiep, and 2 days at Majuro. The AEC office in Hawaii has been in contact with KITCO (a Mr. Smith, I believe) and they have agreed to the chartering of their ship the Militobi, for the survey.

We would very much appreciate having the assistance of Sebio Shoniber and Nelson Zetkeia at the Majuro Hospital and one of the practictioners. As we discussed in our recent meeting in Washington, the AEC has agreed (for this year at least) to pay the travel and per diem expenses of these three. They should arrive at Kwajalein by March 2nd to join the survey.

By copies of this letter I am alerting the people that will be concerned with the survey.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Conard, M.D.

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